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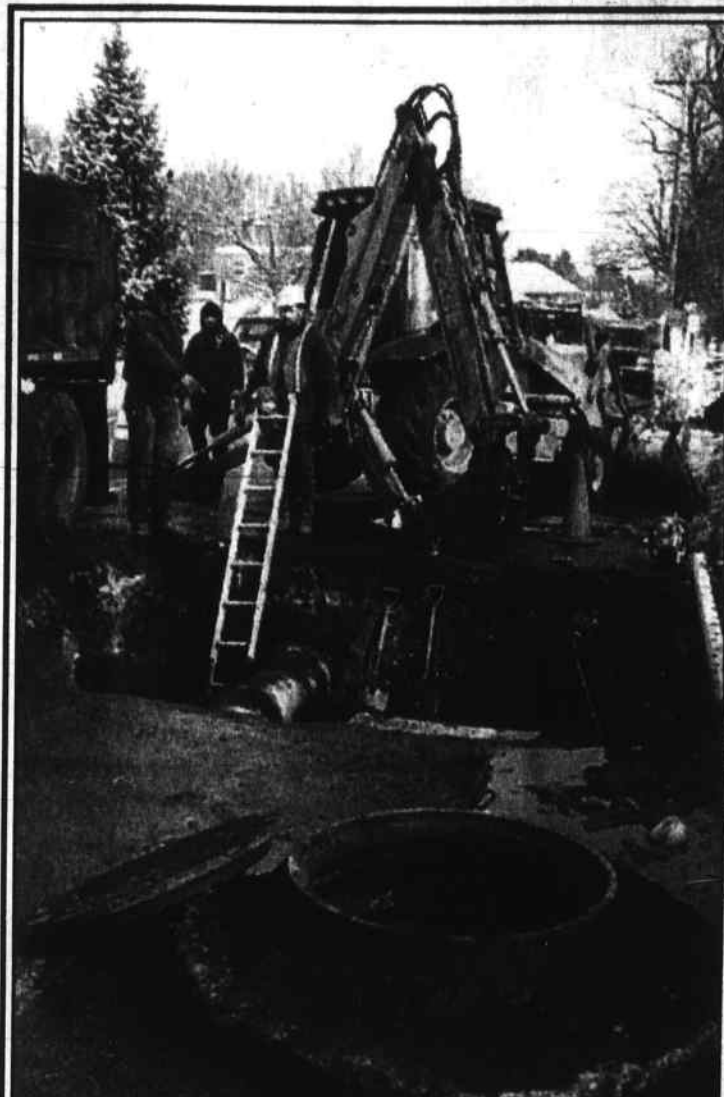
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Calendar of Events

PLEASURE ISLAND IS TOPIC

The Lynnfield Historical Society will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the 1714 Meeting House on the Common at Main and Summer Street in Lynnfield. The featured speaker will be Robert McLaughlin, whose topic will be "Pleasure Island", the Wakefield theme/amusement park which operated from 1959 to 1969.

Mr. McLaughlin is the President of the Friends of Pleasure Island, Inc., a non-profit organization whose mission is to collect and exhibit the memories and mementos of Pleasure Island.

New members and the public are welcome. Admission is free and refreshments will be served following the program.

AN INVITATION

TO TEA The Reading Antiquarian Society cordially invites you to an old fashioned afternoon Tea Party. Here is an opportunity "to take someone to tea" without the hassle and expense of traveling to the Ritz in Boston!

Also, you will be helping to support the work of the Reading Antiquarian Society with its mission to preserve the Parker Tavern and its historical collections for the people of the town of Reading.

The Tea Party will be held on Sunday, March 2 from 2-4 p.m. at the Reading Senior Center, located in what was the old fire station on Pleasant Street. There will be an assortment of tea sandwiches, scones, breads, and desserts to choose from as well as tea and punch.

There will be chamber music provided by some talented Reading High students. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. If you wish to make a reservation call Judy Clark at 781-944-7240.

STRIKE UP THE BANDS AT PHILLIPS

On Friday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m. the Phillips Academy Music Dept. will present the Academy Concert Band and ensembles under the direction of Vincent Monaco. The program is free of charge and open to the public and will take place in Cochran Chapel located on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main Street, Andover.

The program will include the Terpsichore Suite by Praetorius; Beethoven's Military March, Mars from the Planets by Holst; and The Thunderer March by Sousa.

Any inquiries regarding this performance may be directed to the Phillips Academy Music Dept. 978-749-4995 or email music@andover.edu.

CRITTENTON LEAGUE HAS MEETING

The Florence Crittenton League is holding a general information meeting on Wednesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at the Florence Crittenton League, Inc., 119 Hall Street, Lowell.

Some adoptive couples will speak, and the programs of the agency will be outlined. The Florence Crittenton League does identified adoptions, and has programs in Russia, China, Ukraine, Guatemala, and Colombia.

The Florence Crittenton League has been a long standing, non-profit agency since 1907. It offers adoption expertise in a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

Please call 978-452-9671 for more information.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SUNDAY, MARCH 10

The Kennedy Library continues its examination of 20th century presidents with a session featuring Susan

Eisenhower, President Eisenhower's granddaughter, and Fred Greenstein, presidential historian and author of The Hidden Hand Presidency: Eisenhower as Leader.

The date is Sunday, March 10 4-5:30 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston; All forums are free and open to the public. For reservation and further information, please call 617-514-1643.

BURLINGTON TEMPLE HOSTS TOT SHABBAT

Temple Shalom Emeth, Burlington will host a Tot Shabbat program on Saturday, March 1 at 10 a.m. at the temple. Following the service there will be a craft project and snacks.

The theme of this month's service is the holiday of Purim. To celebrate, a special "Backwards Day" is planned.

Tot Shabbat is open to all families with children ages five and under. Older siblings are always welcome. The Shabbat service, craft activities, and snacks are free of charge, but donations are always welcome and help to support this wonderful program.

Temple Shalom Emeth,

Shrine

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The Aleppo Shrine moved to the building about 25 years ago from their former home in Copley Square. Aleppo Shriners of Boston was founded in 1882. Original headquarters were in Mechanics Hall and later in Copley Square, until the purchase and renovation of the Wilmington auditorium in 1977. A banner year for Aleppo, this marked numerous exciting events and shows made possible by this spacious and well-appointed facility.

Since the founding of the first Shrine organization 128 years ago, Shriners have become famous as a fraternity, and are distinguished by an enjoyment of life in the interest of philanthropy. Men from all walks of life and all levels of income find fun, fellowship and relaxation in the Shrine and enjoy its activities. Members participate in trips, dances, dinners, sporting events and other social occasions together. Known as "The world's greatest philanthropy, Shriners support 22 hospitals—20 in the United States and one each in Canada and Mexico. These were founded and continue to be supported by the Shrine of North America. These hospitals, including one in Boston, provide expert orthopedic and burn care to children absolutely free of charge.

For more information about the Aleppo Shrine or any events call (781) 665-6466 or go on line to www.alepposhriners.com

located at 17 Lexington St. Burlington, is a reform synagogue, serving Burlington and the neighboring communities. For additional information call 781-272-2351 or visit www.uahc.org/ma/tse.

HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE IN TEWKSBURY

The Mass. Hunter Education Program is conducting a Basic Hunter Education course at the Tewksbury Rod and Gun Club, 79 Chandler Street, Tewksbury. March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3 and 10 from 7-9:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Call 508-792-7434.

Successful completion of this course fulfills the requirements established by Mass. General Law to make application for a Class A or B License to Carry Firearms, or a Firearms Identification Card.

Students must attend every session. Adults, as well as younger men and women, are encouraged to attend. A Mass. Hunter Ed. Certificate is provided to course graduates 15 years or older. Students, ages 10-14 may participate and receive a "Letter of Completion" to meet out of state licensing requirements. Parental permission is required of all students under 18 years of age.

For additional information on courses, write Hunter Education, P.O. Box 408, Westminster, Ma. 01453-0408 or call 508-792-7434, 978-632-7648, 617-727-3623. www.mass-wildlife.org.

FIREARM COURSE IN NORTH READING

The North Reading Rifle Club, 242 Central St., will host a firearm safety course, Wednesday, March 19 and 26 at 7 pm. Participants must attend both dates.

Certified instructors will explain firearm operation, safe handling, storage, transportation and laws. Each participant will shoot a rifle, revolver and semi-automatic handgun. A certificate required by Mass. law, when applying for a Class A or B license to carry, or firearms identification card will be issued to everyone completing the course.

A license is required to purchase, possess or carry a firearm. To register or for more information call Robert Rose at 978-664-2703 after 6 p.m.

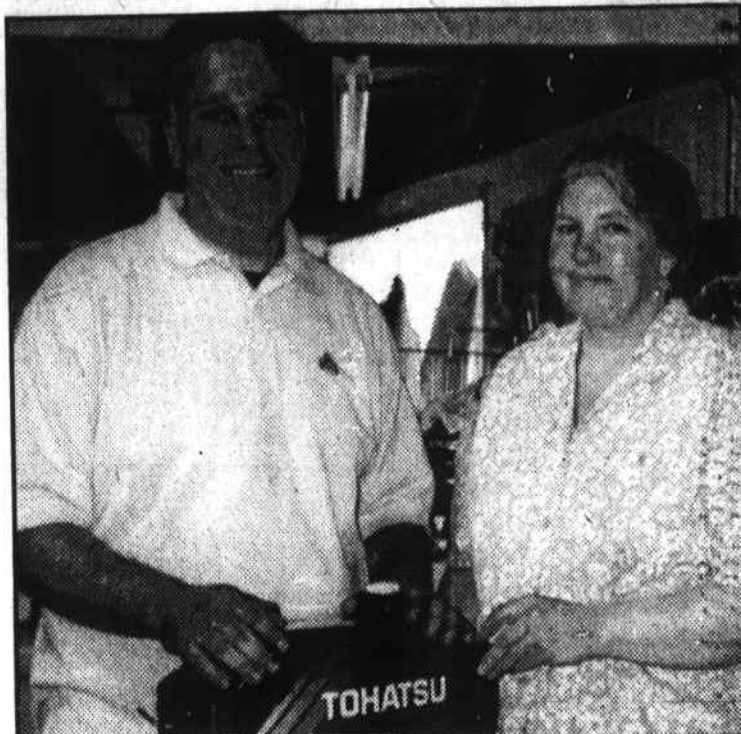
Woodchips

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AROUND SHE ERASED THE BLACKBOARD...

Eddie Arnold had a sign in his shop window that said, "EDWARD W. ARNOLD, CPA." "Eddie," I said, "Those letters represent years and years of study and then passing a VERY STRINGENT EXAMINATION. They stand for CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS. Eddie smiled and said, "Woodchipper, I understand all that but, I have every right to put that sign in my window. The letters "CPA," for me stand for, CLEANING AND PRESSING AND ALTERATIONS!"

An old Yankee slogan, "USE IT UP - WEAR IT OUT - MAKE IT DO - OR DO WITHOUT!"



FRED AND MARY HURLEY of Boats & Motors in Wakefield will be among the exhibitors at the Boat Show at the Bayside Expo in Boston starting this Saturday and running through Sunday, February 23rd. Visit the Hurleys at the show or at their 299 North Ave. address for the latest in boating equipment and supplies.

The CODFISH LAYS TEN THOUSAND EGGS; THE HOMEY HEN LAYS ONE. The codfish never CACKLES to tell you what she's done. And so we SCORN THE CODFISH, while the HUMBLE HEN WE PRIZE. Which only goes to show you - "IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE!"

MAN MAY WORK FROM SUN TO SUN BUT, WOMAN'S WORK IS NEVER DONE. In Kathy's case at my house - it's because of THOSE DARN TV SOAP OPERAS...

A man of WORDS and NOT OF DEEDS is like a GARDEN FULL OF WEEDS...

COUNT THAT DAY LOST whose low descending sun - views from your hand - NO WORTHY ACTION DONE!...

My Aunt Nora from Wilmington was known in my family circle as, "THE MATCHMAKER." She just couldn't stand anyone, YOUNG OR OLDER BEING HAPPY AND SINGLE. I really don't see anything wrong with MATCHMAKING, after all that's what a DATING COMPUTER service does. However some of the HAPPIEST MARRIED COUPLES I know knew each other for years because they were CLASSMATES IN GRADE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL. I remember when my late Uncle John Shea married a widow. He always said, "I'd rather be the SECOND HUSBAND OF A WIDOW THAN HER FIRST..."

A woman who hated Sir Winston Churchill told him, "IF YOU WERE MY HUSBAND, I'D POISON YOUR TEA!" "MADAME," HE REPLIED, "WERE YOU MY WIFE I'D DRINK IT!"

PERSONALITY WINNERS - Chris Prato, Rich Biagiotti, Matt DeRosa, Chris McNeil and Craig and Todd Higden all of BURLINGTON.

Georgann Lieb, Rep. Brad Jones, Mark Falzone, Harry Jameson, Sen. Richard R. Tisei all of LYNNFIELD.

Steve Cook, Larry Greene, Susan Transfiglia, Serafin Romano, Georgetta Di Giovanni all of NORTH READING.

Kim MacLaney, Ariana Rigano, Komal Basra, Lauren Benson, Carl Burdick and Fred McGrane all of READING.

Rita Manuel, Steven Gilchrist, Jr., Mary Canavan, Carole Roach and Helen Wynne all of STONEHAM.

John and Judy Ivas, Joanna B. Korker, Donna DiBella Gill, Lance Armstrong, Jim Kelley and Mark Perry all of TEWKSBURY.

Todd Sauca, Andy Foss, Matt Sallesse, Chris Leahy and Matt Fiore all of WAKEFIELD.

Ed Tucker, Megan Torres, Karen Hayman, Kathleen Keady and Elaine Paolini all of WILMINGTON.

Paul Connelly, Jake Randall, Jackie Graham, Jen Cutler and Michelle Mills all of WINCHESTER.

Julie Luongo, Jessica Buttarro, Jeff Haggerty, Bill Geary and Neil Mehta all of WOBURN.

DREAMBOATS - Jane Bovin of BURLINGTON, Lauren J. Milordi of LYNNFIELD, Margo Cory of NORTH

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SUPERSTARS - George L. Judge Jr. of BURLINGTON, Kevin Maresco of LYNNFIELD, Linda Ann Papa of NORTH READING, Chris Condon of READING, Jim Giordano of STONEHAM, Jennifer Ivas of TEWKSBURY, Tony Marrec of WAKEFIELD, Tony Resendes of WILMINGTON, Jackie Graham of WINCHESTER and Colleen Sanborn of WOBURN.

A SALESGIRL at a perfume Counter was trying to interest Kathy to buy one of those exotic perfumes that sell for \$50 A DROP. The salesgirl said, "This is the BEST perfume we have ever had, it's IRRESISTIBLE. "Who are you kidding?" Kathy snapped, "if it's so irresistible, how come I've seen you working here for the last five years?"

I wonder how many office workers will agree with this next Chip?

A salesman was trying to sell a copier to my editor. He said that he was selling it at cost. "Is that so?" I asked, "how can you make a living?" "NOT SO LOUD," he said to me, "my company makes money sending me out to FIX THESE DARN THINGS..."

I love to read some of the signs in store windows like, "BARBER SHOP," "Come in, get your hair cut while you WAIT." SHOE REPAIR SHOP, "THE SOLE HEALER," LUMBER YARD, "Come in and SEE WHAT WE SAW." AUTO RADIATOR REPAIR SHOP, "This is a good place to take a LEAK." I'm stopping right there, I can't stand some of these myself...

My friend YOGI BERRA said, "The CHIEF cause of DIVORCES ARE MARRIAGES..."

My nephew JOHN is sure lucky. His wife's birthday is FEBRUARY 29TH so he only has to buy her a BIRTHDAY PRESENT EVERY FOUR YEARS...

We can learn from the animal kingdom, the DOVE brings PEACE, the STORK brings TAX EXEMPTIONS...

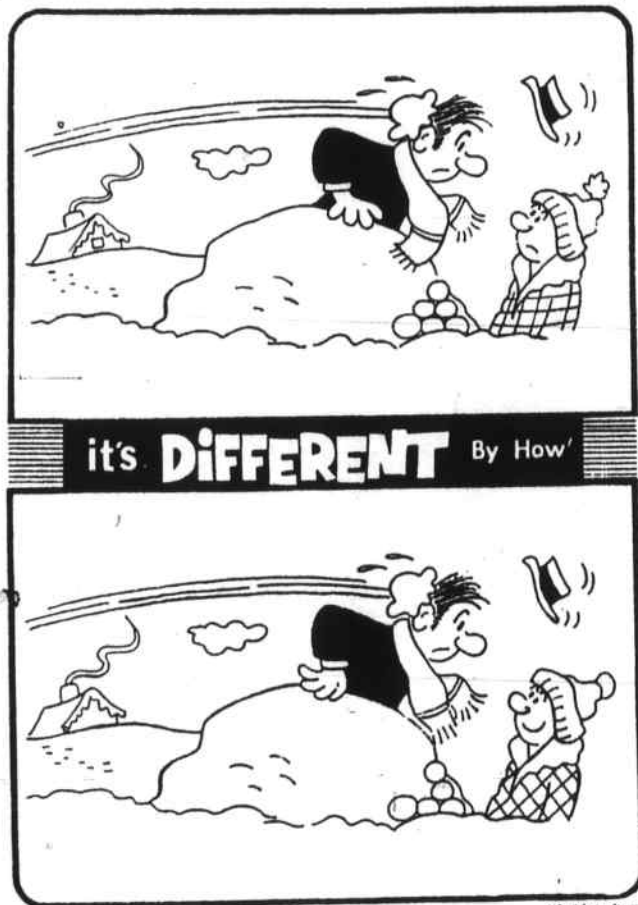
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A sign in NEW YORK, "help keep our city clean - THROW YOUR RUBBISH IN NEW JERSEY..."

I asked Blackie Vega is he had ever been to FLORIDA? "Yes," he said, "I went there TWICE ONCE..."

My Aunt Nora told Yogi Berra at Fenway Park one HOT SUMMER AFTERNOON, "my you really look cool today." "Gee thanks lady" Yogi replied, "You don't look so HOT YOURSELF..."

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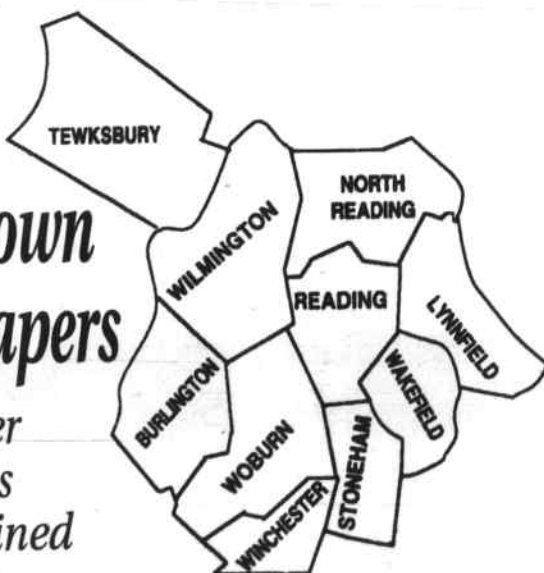


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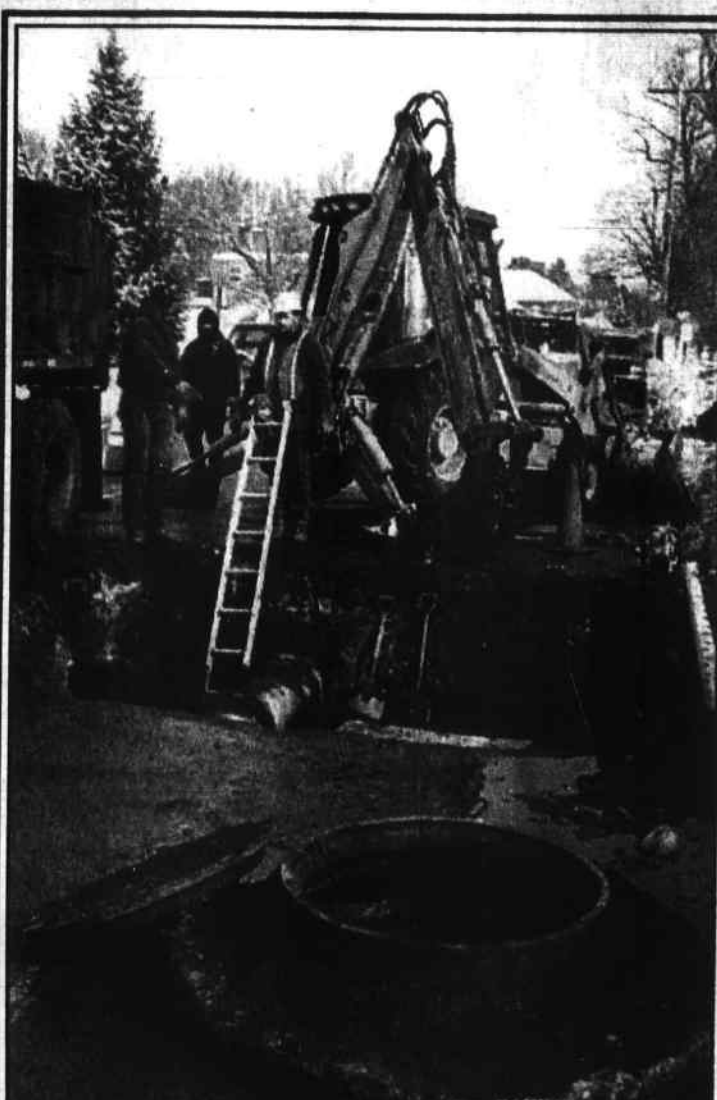
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STAYING WITHIN THE LINES. Liam Bennett, 6, and his dad, Bill, colored pictures during the Family Fun Night that was held by the Wildwood School Extended Day Program on the eve of Valentine's Day last Thursday. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

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Regis College Dean's List

WILMINGTON - Gina Ciaramella, Lauren Iorio and Katelynne Lyons, all of Wilmington have been named to the dean's list at Regis College for the fall semester.

Gina is a senior majoring in psychology; Lauren, also a senior, is majoring in art while Katelynne is an undeclared major.

Senior, junior and sophomore members of the Dean's List must maintain a 3.5 average. First year students must maintain a 3.25 average.

Kelleher accepted to Johnson & Wales

WILMINGTON - Jessica Kelleher, daughter of Joseph and Joanne Kelleher of Parker Street, Wilmington, a senior at Shawsheen Tech majoring in baking and pastry arts, has been accepted to Johnson & Wales University.

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Crupi earns First Honors

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To attain high honors, a student must have an average of 90 or better in all subjects.

Houlihan enrolls at Benjamin Franklin Institute

TEWKSBURY - Jeffrey Houlihan of Tewksbury, who is in the associate degree Automotive Technology program, has enrolled at the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology in Boston for the spring semester.

The Institute offers nine different degree technologies, eight certificates in various technologies and programs designed for the ESL student.

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Colleen Murphy earns Dean's List

WILMINGTON - Colleen E. Murphy of Marcus Road, Wilmington, has been named to the dean's list at Providence College where she is a junior music major specializing in opera.

A junior at Providence College, Colleen graduated from Wilmington High School with the Class of 2000.

Locals honored at Belmont Hill

WILMINGTON - Brian Aldrich, son of Scott and Nancy Aldrich and Marshall Nevins, son of Patricia Whitehouse Nevins, all of Wilmington, have been named to the honor roll for the first semester at Belmont Hill School.

Brian earned high honors for which students must maintain an average of B+ or better in four of five course programs.

Marshall earned honors for maintaining a B average in a four or five course program.

Ollila named to Dean's List

WILMINGTON - Daniel S. Ollila, of Wilmington, son of Gail and Thomas Ollila, has been named to the dean's list at Suffolk University.

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OPINION

Letters to the Editor

Memories of the Gowing House

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to the feature story titled "The Gowing House...is Gone," which was written by Larz F. Neilson and published in the February 5th issue of the Town Crier. First, I would like to clarify one major point in the article, which stated "the family decided to subdivide the remaining property." The "family" did not decide to divide the property. It was divided by P & G Realty Trust after they purchased the property in June for significantly less than market value.

When I asked my grandmother, Dorothy (Doff) Andersen, the only surviving spouse of the Andersen brothers, what she thought of the article, she quietly stated "I cried." I replied, "I probably will too."

You see, the house was a not only wooden pegs and brick ovens. It was a home. I have spent many hours with my grandmother listening to stories of her past and what the house and farm meant to her and my grandfather Wigo. I cannot do them justice to retell the experiences. I can only relate what the house and farm meant to me.

Have you ever run through corn stalks higher than you are tall? I have as I played hide-and-seek with my sister and brother while visiting my grandparents at the farm. The smell of the turned earth under my feet mixed with the aroma of the sweet corn waiting for harvest. I remember my grandfather beside us weeding the garden and pulling green beans for us to later snap the crisp ends off to add to our Sunday dinner.

Have you ever explored a dark, musty field stone basement lit sporadically throughout by low wattage bulbs hung from exposed wires? I have, as I explored the cellar of the farmhouse with my sister and cousins constantly wondering when my brother would jump out of a shadowed area to frighten us into a screaming frenzy. There was one area in the basement I would not venture. It was to the right of the staircase that led down from my grandparents' side of the house. At the bottom of the stairs Grampy Wigo's farm jacket, hat and boot hung with the foul sweet smell of pig manure. I would bolster the

nerve to go half way down the small corridor stepping one foot at a time the light fading behind me. As I entered the darkness I dared not touch the cold stones that lined the wall for on the stones was dust and cobwebs of centuries past. I wish I could share what sat in the far corner of the basement but I never reached the end.

Have you ever ridden on the back of a Ford tractor? I have, while Grampy Wigo drove from pen to pen with swine feed in the scoop. The pigs would rush to the feeding troughs, as if they had not been fed in weeks. My grandfather would boost me up on the fence so I could watch the bustle of their feeding furor, the pink snouts of the pigs buried in the concoction of feed. Some would look up at me momentarily as if to welcome me, their moist pink noses with tickles of hair. The moment would be short for they would lose their spot to another. As Grampy hoisted me onto the tractor, he'd say, "Hang on," and on we would go to the next pen.

Have you ever had Indian Pudding at Thanksgiving actually

made by Native Americans? I always thought I did because of the magic of the farm. Every November, as my family would sit for our dinner of thanks, Grampy would remind my brother, sister and I that the pudding we were eating was from a pot located in the corner of the attic. It was an annual event for Nana Doff to head up the narrow attic stairs with ladle and bowl in hand to scoop the pudding from where Native Americans (although Grampy always called them Indians) left a crock of pudding. I never doubted and ate that pudding with pride and honor, figuring no other kid I knew had "real" Indian pudding. I must admit I never found that crock when we cleared Nana's belongings in preparation for the sale of the house, perhaps it will show up in Bar Harbor Maine.

The house was a wonderful place, full of history and life, but to me the house meant... love, simple and unconditional.

Regards,
Charlene Andersen
Wilmington

Independent review needed for water supply

Dear Editor:

The bullying by some of our officials of citizens who dare to care has got to stop. Back room deals being made concerning the future of our water supply was suspected at the last meeting and citizens need to be aware. The fact that selectmen were given a legal agreement to review, of such magnitude regarding the Olin contamination of our water supply, two days prior, reeks of a "done deal." For instance, two selectmen were not comfortable with the language contained in the \$3 million document. Instead of concerns being addressed, they were dismissed and the document defended. Our community may someday realize the financial implications in regards to this agreement.

Those responsible for polluting our town are NOT being held fully responsible. Instead, another direction has been taken. For instance, not only has a soft approach been taken with Olin Chemical, which is responsible for taking wells "off line" in the Maple Meadow Brook aquifer, a blind eye has been turned concerning the Maple Meadow Landfill Project. This so-called landfill closure is dumping contaminated soils 800 feet from the drinking wells that have already been impacted by the Olin contamination.

The Maple Meadow Landfill Project is in violation of not only our local By-Laws but also Massachusetts General Laws. It is against the law to dump contamination over a water supply aquifer. These laws are in place to protect public health and drinking water.

Wilmington has become the dumping ground for contaminated soils within the region. Contaminated soils being dumped in our public drinking water supply indicate we have a reputation of not

being very smart, that we are complacent, or that we just don't care. We have been told we are the only community in the state that has a project like this which brings contaminated soils into the water supply area. This has been a well kept secret. We can no longer afford to be silent.

The Community Advisory Panel will be asking support from the Selectmen at the upcoming meeting in the form of a town warrant article for Annual Town Meeting to fund the South Wilmington Water Supply Study. The purpose is to evaluate the quality of our drinking water supply instead of relying on opinions and data generated from companies like Olin Chemical. Although DEP is now requiring Olin to test for "new" chemicals at the water supply and in the distribution system, we should not trust Olin, or any other entity that puts their interests first. . . . Although citizens who have worked for years on the Olin issue have been discredited by the town administration, our concerns have been validated by DEP's Office of Research and Standards (ORS). The ORS agrees with our assertion that DEP removed many chemicals off the test list much too hastily. NDMA, a carcinogen, is now required for testing in the system and aquifer. NDMA is a possible by-product of contamination from Olin. However, Olin controls the tests and the results. We need to have a professional independent review, free of Olin's influence. Financial times are tough; however, we have a sizable tax surplus. We can not delay any longer.

Suzanne Sullivan
Wilmington



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Back to the Future

O, Call back yesterday, bid time return (Shakespeare)

One of the clearest memories of my childhood, of the Good old days, is Woolworth's 5 & 10 Cent stores. There was everything you needed and everything that you wanted and all sorts of little treasures to be unearthed, tucked into corners and spread out against the tight, compact aisles. The Five & Ten Cent Stores were perfectly scaled down to meet the curiosity of a child's eyes, but with enough packed-in variety to hook most of us at any age. Some had lunch counters, some sold birds and goldfish and half-dollar size turtles. I came home with my share of turtles and goldfish. The rest of my "allowance" was spent on eating French fries and drinking vanilla Coke with my girlfriend and sister. (Do kids still get an allowance these days?)

Didn't you just love those stores? Over the years, though, little by little, the conglomerates eventually smothered the small, the tried and true, the trustworthy. And along with their demise went a tiny

piece of my heart, and yet another shred of Americana.

So you can imagine my reaction when several years ago, quite by chance, I fell upon BALICH 5 & 10, right on Massachusetts Avenue in Arlington. A "Five & Ten" since 1954, BALICH has been owned and operated for over 30 years by father and son Antoun and Joe Balich.

All of the fixtures, cases, walls, floors and doors are original. The authentic 1950's look remains. Low wooden bins and glass shelves are filled to capacity. The side walls are piled high, aisles are overflowing and every curve, corner and cavity is stuffed with the familiar and the forgotten. Aprons and ashtrays, gadgets and garters, sleep bonnets, pink rollers and hairnets. . . Simplicity patterns, Pyrex and clothes pins will recapture an era, will pull you nearer.

It doesn't take long before you realize that a store shouldn't have to be the size of a football field to have it all. Believe me, you could spend hours in BALICH, a rela-

tively small store, and not see everything. There are hidden surprises to be discovered and uncovered, stacked up and squeezed across every counter top.

Yards of yarn, scads of socks, collections of cards, calendars and candy, hordes of buttons, boards of shoe laces, zillions of zippers and tons of toys. And that's for starters.

BALICH 5 & 10 is fun too! (Can you imagine saying that about one of those big box stores). Kids love this store. Most of the toys are basic, very inexpensive and simple. Bubbles, balls, books, blackboards, and more....chalk, crayons, clay, games and puzzles galore.

From that first step through the door of BALICH 5 & 10 you can feel the change of pace. You can return to a slower time when friends could shop "together" - browse, poke around, putter, without needing to "spread-out" in order to traverse the acres of retail territory, so as to complete a shopping "expedition."

Instead, reminders of community closeness and neighbors who know each other are in and out of BALICH and all around this Arlington Heights block of small, independent businesses. You can re-enter a time when it was commonplace for the owner to "be there" to answer your questions, someone like Antoun and Joe Balich who actually know what's on the shelves, who can order for you, who probably know your name! Have you tried to get help lately in any of those enormous, impersonal shopping center stores?

Thing about the loss. Think about the cost. Should we kiss it all goodbye, with a sigh? When you spend your money locally, when you support small, privately owned businesses, you directly affect the character of that community and in doing so, you also help to maintain our valued New England way of life.

Before it gets worse, stop the curse. Buy at the Five.

Letters to the Editor

Activists, not town officials, have kept focus on water supply

Dear Editor:

The caustic remarks that were directed by Selectmen Forrest and Cain and the town manager to the citizens and taxpayers at the February 10 selectmen meeting were not appropriate.

The tedious work of the citizens in attendance at the meeting is the long and ongoing process that has kept the Olin plume on the table as it impacts on the health and well being of the population. The day-to-day, incessant research by the citizens has uncovered and made knowledgeable the environmental intrusion of dangerous chemicals into our water system. The citizens have demanded the emergency MWRA hookup because of their in-depth examination of the Olin Plume and the Olin files at the Department of Environmental Protection. The citizens have uncovered facts that many chemicals are yet to be identified. The continuing investigation has led to the opening of the Olin private files to the public. These files are now in the Town Library for all the

public to view and research.

A lesson learned

A few years ago, the Board of Health told the citizens of MacDonald Road that there was nothing to fear about the presence of leaking chemical barrels in the area. That board told a mother that her child's scars and lesions had nothing to do with the barrels. She was insulted and vilified for her insistence that indeed the barrels were a danger to the community. She was right! Again, a group of neighboring citizens poured their energy into a long, ongoing investigation of the area. It paid off. The Federal Government stepped in, not the town. John DiVillars, the Director of the Government's Environmental Protection Agency, declared the MacDonald site an environmental emergency (Sutton Brook site). Many thousands of tons of contaminated soil have been removed from the area at the direction of the EPA - not the town.

The MWRA hookup

This is a citizens initiative. If it were not for the probing intelli-

gence of the citizens, Olin today would be a 15-acre hot-topped parking lot and expansive warehouse used to recycle demolition materials, with the approval of the majority of the Board of Selectmen. The Olin Plume would be covered over, secure in mind that the investigations would continue well into the future and that the intrusion of chemicals in the Maple Meadow Brook would continue.

This hookup was not the issue at the recent Board of Selectmen's meeting. The issue was the wording of the contract. That approved contract will haunt the Town of Wilmington in the future. The autocratic method of the Chairman was another issue; he did not allow the citizens to speak on the contract, although many hands were raised for recognition. The chairman reserves that right.

In light of the environmental impact on our water supply, the chairman should have allowed discussion, no matter how tedious, probing and constant it would be.

Let it be well known that the planned MWRA water hookup will run under the Super Fund toxic site, known as the Woburn Multiplex, and then to Wilmington for service. The integrity of the hookup and the line length must be totally positive, so that the possibility of a leak does not ever occur. Maybe another hookup point might be more environmentally correct.

I hope that the citizens who viewed the meeting at home (who probably had the same questions and thoughts as those in attendance at the meeting) question the role of the elected officials and their duty to protect the citizens.

The much quoted Alexis de Toqueville said:

"A democratic power is never likely to perish for lack of strength or of its resources, but it may very well fall because of the misdirection of its strengths and the abuse of its resources."

Gerry O'Reilly
Wilmington

Support Advisory Panel: Attend Feb. 24 selectmen meeting

Dear Editor:

The Community Advisor Panel (CAP) of Wilmington will submit a request to the Board of Selectmen to sponsor a warrant article for the annual town meeting to fund the independent evaluation of the Maple Meadow Brook aquifer, at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

The cry for an independent analysis of our water supply, drawn from the Maple Meadow Brook aquifer, was heard and heeded by our Board in September of last year. Selectman Robert Palmer stood head and shoulders above all and reached out to the citizens in support. It was his leadership on this issue that I believed compelled other members to support this investigation. This initiative also proved that our elected Board could put differences aside and collectively affirm the importance of such an investigation, by voting unanimously for the CAP and its process toward hiring an environmental scientist.

The CAP has swiftly and diligently moved forward in its charge from the Board and has developed a very comprehensive request for proposal and defined scope of work for an environmental scientist-

technical advisor. During the last few weeks, members of the panel have reviewed several applications and graded them against specific criteria. Many of the top environmental experts in Massachusetts applied, and over the next two weeks, a subcommittee will interview the accepted applicants for a recommendation to the procurement officer (Town Manager) to retain and hire.

At the CAP meeting held on January 28, 2003, the chairman announced that funds of up to \$25,000.00 were available to use for this effort to study our aquifer, and that the committee should investigate alternative funding. The chairman also told the panel that the Town Manager had offered the above stated amount only, and would not recommend a town warrant article be sponsored by the Board of Selectmen for additional funding. Having spent many hours on this panel, I became very discouraged after learning the original intent (with regards to funding) in going before the public at the town meeting is not being supported by our town manager.

Whereas this panel was borne out of a united board willing and wanting to investigate the aquifer

independent of the hired consultants of both Olin Chemical Corporation and the landfill, it would be contrary not to support complete funding, and the board's record of support could be construed as artificial.

I am not alone in believing that we need to know what contaminants have been in our water supply and to what degree we have been exposed. All we know to date is that the aquifer is tainted by the Olin Plume and it is the Olin paid consultants who tell us what they are responsible for with regard to contaminants which have migrated from their property. This is a far cry from having knowledge of ex-

actly what contaminants are in our drinking water source. We want to know! We must know! It is and should be the will of the people to decide now if they want to allocate funds toward this effort, not just a manger of the funds.

I urge you to attend the next Board of Selectmen's meeting on Monday, February 24 as the Community Advisory Panel asks the Board to sponsor this warrant article.

Kathleen M. Barry
President
Concerned Citizen's Network
Wilmington

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Area Datebook

Are you okay? It takes only a minute for you to check in on an elderly neighbor or relative and you may save a life. If you are concerned about a senior adult in your family or neighborhood, contact Minuteman Senior Services at 781-272-7177; 978-263-8720.

Essex River Cruises and Charters are offered from the Essex Marina at 10:30 a.m., 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 7 p.m. May through October. Call 978-786-6981 for info and reservations.

Grandparents as Parents: HealthSouth St. Joseph Healthcare Center, 220 Pawtucket St., Lowell, 7 to 8:30 p.m. second Tues. of the month. Call 978-459-3242.

Fourth Mon. of the month 10-11:30 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Parish Center, No. Chelmsford; Grandparents as parents. Call 978-459-3242.

Congregation Shalom, a Reform Congregation located in Chelmsford is offering open registration for their pre-school for three and four-year-olds. The classes meet once a month for an hour on Sundays. A parent or guardian is required to accompany their child. The cost is \$100 for non-members. Call Stacy Garnick at 978-251-8091 for further information.

Greater Lowell Family YMCA has openings in their Preschool Program. Call 978-454-7825 ext. 23

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Massachusetts are expanding their car campaign to include boats. The car campaign throughout Massachusetts has proven to be a great success. Those who have unwanted boats to donate may receive a valuable tax deduction on their income tax. All boats are subject to the approval of a broker and must be fiberglass, seaworthy, and in marketable condition. Proceeds will benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs.

If future plans include a new boat, a bigger boat, or no boat at all, The Boys & Girls Clubs would like to hear from you. Please call 1-800-246-0493.

La Leche League of Billerica offers monthly support meetings for pregnant and nursing mothers. Call 978-670-1309.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Mass. is conducting a car campaign to support their program. Call 1-800-720-6233 for information.

Lowell Y Preschool; is now accepting registration for their fall programs. Children must be at least two years and nine months old to attend. Call 978-454-7825.

Skin Screenings; Skin cancer is the most common cancer, but most forms are easily treated if detected early. Lahey's Dept. of Dermatology offers free skin screenings for the public, by appointment only. Call 781-744-8979.

Adoption Support: Group Fourth Sunday of each month, from 7 to 9 p.m. at 19 Campbell Road, Billerica. Call 978-667-3282.

Each Wednesday: The Northshoremen A Cappella chorus needs men who like to sing. The chorus meets each Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at the Italian Community Center, 307 Rantoul St., Beverly. Call 978-927-7894.

La Leche League of Billerica offers monthly support meetings for pregnant and nursing mothers. Call accredited leaders at 978-256-2967; 978-256-4804 or 978-749-0645.

Sacred Choral Artists: a 40 member choral ensemble celebrating the beauty and artistry of sacred music, is seeking new members. All parts welcome to audition. Rehearsals Monday evenings 7:30-9:00 p.m. in Haverhill. Call 781-665-9245 or www.sacredchoralartists.org.

Mother to Mother: is accepting dues for the 2002-03 year. This is a non-profit support group for parents and their children from Burlington and surrounding towns. Call Mary at 781-238-8267.

Having a hard time: Feeding your family? Call Project Bread's Food Source Hotline at 1-800-943-8333. The Hotline is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fourth Mon. of each month: Adoptive support group for pre and post adoptive families at Billerica Boys & Girls Club, 19 Campbell Rd., Billerica. Call 978-667-3282.

Tuesdays: 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.; Seniors 55 and older full course meals and periodic health awareness programs at Lahey Clinic Medical Center's cafeteria. Call 781-744-3471.

Every Sunday: Brunch, all you can eat buffet at No. Reading Moose Lodge, 140 North Street. Call 978-664-8561.

Mon-Fri: Lowell Association for the Blind needs volunteers who can join the LAB Talking Information Center Radio Reading Service to read and record news. Call 978-454-5704 Mon-Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mon & Wed., 9 to 10 a.m., Lowell Boys Club offers water aerobics. Call 458-4526.

Sun., Mon., Wed., Thurs: 7 to 9 p.m., Childbirth classes at Winchester Hospital. Call 781-756-4700.

Thursday evenings: Merrimack Valley Chorus open rehearsals/auditions, 7:30 p.m., Wil. Arts Council, Rte. 62. Call 978-851-7764; www.merrimackvalleychorus.com

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Big Brother/Big Sister is running a car campaign to support their mentoring programs. Prospective donors need to know that only those who itemize their taxes may take the fair market value as a contribution. Determining the value of the car is completely up to the donor, therefore, Big Brother/Big Sisters will not give a value. Call 1-800-859-6526.

Grandparents as parents: Second Tuesday; fourth Monday of each month. Tues., 7-8:30 p.m. at St. S. Mem. Hosp., Lowell cafe; Mon., 10 to 11:30 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Parish Center, Chelmsford. Call 978-459-3242 for details.

Adoption Center: Information and support each fourth Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Billerica Boys and Girls Club, 19 Campbell Rd., Billerica. Call 978-667-3282.

First and third Tuesdays: Lowell Camera Club meets at the First Baptist Church, 99 Church St., Lowell at 7:30 p.m. Call 978-451-0883.

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Parking ban in effect

The Wilmington Police would like to remind all residents that it is illegal to leave a vehicle parked upon any public way from December 1st through April 1st between the hours of 1 am and 6 am, or during snow and ice removal anytime.

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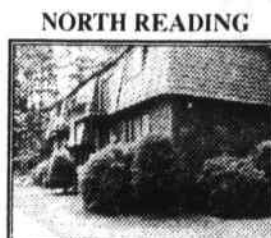
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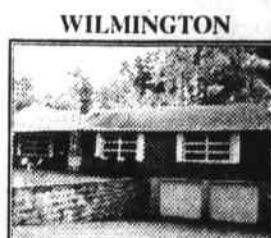
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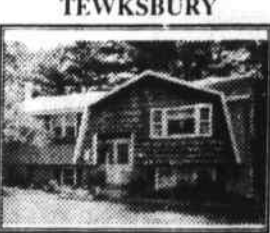
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O, show me herein you are my Mother. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee. (3 times)

Sweet Mother, I place this request in your hands. (3 times)

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Locals named to Dean's List

SYRACUSE - Christopher Corbin of Pinta Drive, Tewksbury; Terence Boland of Mill Road, Wilmington, and Mary Sarich of Salem Street, enrolled in the L.C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science at Syracuse University have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2002 semester.

Corbin is a senior majoring in aerospace engineering. Boland and Sarich, are senior mechanical engineering majors.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must achieve at least a 3.4 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) during the semester.

Boudreau studying at Bridgton Academy

WILMINGTON - Ryan Boudreau, son of Paul and Karen Boudreau of Wilmington, is a member of the Class of 2003 at Bridgton Academy. Boudreau, who achieved high honors for the first quarter of the first semester, is a member of the Wolverine hockey team. He is a graduate of Arlington Catholic High School.

Bridgton Academy, located in Bridgton, Maine is the nation's only all-postgraduate college preparatory school.

Tucceri named to Dean's List

TEWKSBURY - Jennifer Tucceri of Henry J. Drive, Tewksbury, a senior accounting major at Syracuse University School of Management has been named to the dean's list there for the fall 2002 semester.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must achieve at least a 3.4 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) during the semester.

Pizzotti makes Dean's List

WILMINGTON - Kirsten Pizzotti, a first year student at the College of the Holy Cross, has been named to the Dean's List for the first semester of the 2002-03 academic year.

She is the daughter of Mike and Nancy Pizzotti.

Colucci graduates basic training

TEWKSBURY - Army Pvt. Joshua F. Colucci, son of Patricia and Donald of Oakland Avenue, Tewksbury, has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

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Cochran named to Dean's List

WILMINGTON - Kelly Cochran, daughter of Cathy and Joe Cochran of Wilmington, has been named to the dean's list at Mass. College of Liberal Arts, North Adams (MCLA), for the fall 2002 semester.

A member of the Class of 2003, Kelly is a psychology major.

The announcement was made by Dr. John P. Frazee, vice president for academic affairs at MCLA.

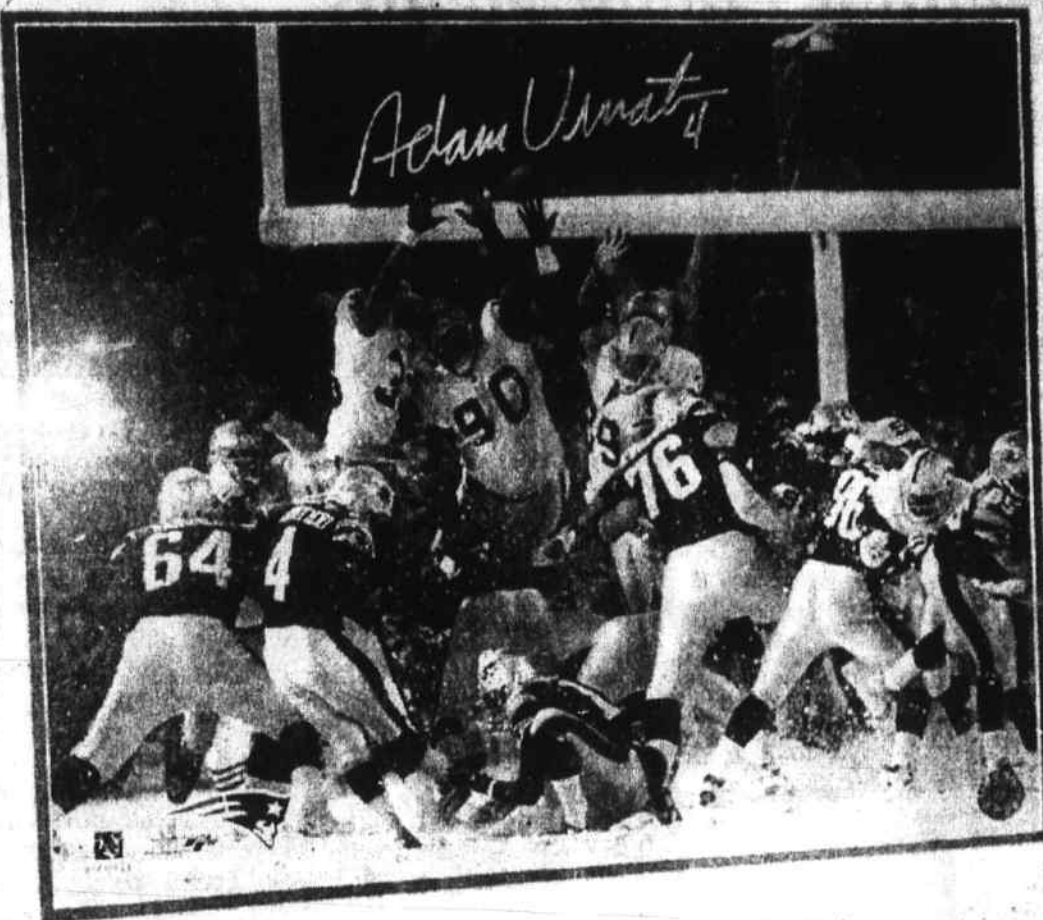
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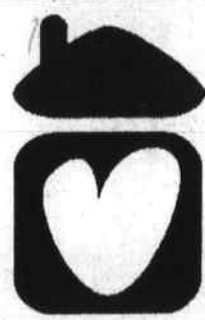
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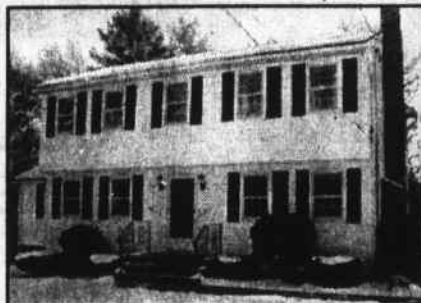
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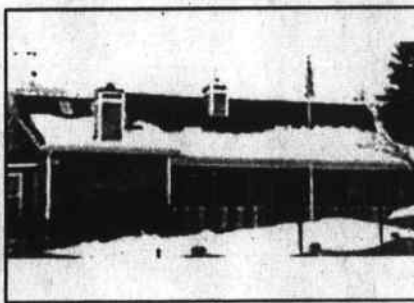
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Week of February 24
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Wednesday: Pasta with meat sauce or butter, cheese sticks, seasoned vegetable, dinner roll, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

Thursday: Soup with saltines, grilled cheese sandwich, carrot & celery sticks with low fat dip, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dirt cup dessert.

Friday: Italian style pizza, garden salad, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

Elementary
Monday: Hamburger or cheeseburger on a roll, potato rounds or

French fries, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, pretzels.

Tuesday: Beef-a-roni (pasta, ground beef and tomato sauce), seasoned green beans, chilled fruit, roll, milk/juice, ice cream.

Wednesday: Ham and cheese bagel melt, tomato soup, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, brownie.

Thursday: Sliced turkey, cheese, tomato, lettuce choice in a pocket, pickle slices, potato chips, chilled fruit, milk/juice, cookies.

Friday: Italian style pizza, pepperoni optional, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

Middle School

Monday: Chicken nuggets with assorted sauces, whipped potato, seasoned peas, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Tuesday: Hot dog on a roll, French fries or potato rounds, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Wednesday: Chicken and gravy over mashed potato, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Thursday: Loaded nachos, nacho ships, cheese sauce, tomato, lettuce, salsa and seasoned ground

beef, seasoned rice, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Friday: Pizza bagel, macaroni salad, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

High School

Monday: Chicken and gravy over mashed potato, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, rudi roll and butter, milk/juice, dessert.

Tuesday: Chicken patty on a roll, French fries, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Wednesday: Taco bar, seasoned rice, shredded lettuce, tomato, cheese and salsa, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Thursday: Sliced turkey, cheese, tomato and lettuce pocket, pickle slices, potato chips, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Friday: Baked potato bar, cheese sauce, broccoli, bacon bits, sour cream, butter, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Tewksbury Schools

Week of February 24

Monday: Chicken teriyaki strips, oven potatoes, carrots, hot roll, mixed fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Juice or fruit,

baconburger on a roll with lettuce and tomato, choice of vegetables, apple slices with cinnamon, milk.

Wednesday: Chix noodle soup, hot dog on roll with mustard and relish, potato pattie with catsup, popsicle, milk.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets with sauce, creamy potatoes, vegetables, roll, pudding with topping, milk.

Friday: Fruit juice cup, champs, round pizza, garden green beans, fruit, milk.

Alternate: Available daily choice of assorted sandwiches, carrot and celery sticks and milk.

Shawsheen Tech
Week of February 17

Line III

Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, broccoli, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, Rice-a-Roni, blended vegetables, hot roll, fresh and canned fruit.

Wednesday: No lunch, half day.

Thursday: Roast turkey, with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, hot roll, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Friday: Italian style pizza (cheese or pepperoni), tossed,


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Loella F. Dewing honor roll

TEWKSBURY - The administration at Tewksbury's Loella F. Dewing School has released the honor roll for the most recent marking period with the following students listed:

High honors

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John Cuniff
Charlie Doe
Stephanie Fronduto
Megan Grayson
Alyssa Kelly
Matthew Luppi
Taylor Martel
Alyssa Martucci
Nicholas Parsons
Carolyn Phaneuf
Sarah Reynolds
Patricia Ryan
Lauren Spencer
Matthew Sweet
Leanne Tucker
Honor roll
Derrick Acosta
Bijan Adams
Mary Ballway

Joshua Barnes
Michael Begonis
Andrea Borges
Breanna Budryk
Keegan Callahan
Ariana Capuzzo
Sara Carabbio
Maleeha Choudhary
Elizabeth Connolly
Sean Connolly
Travor Cordwell
Andrew Cuniff
Christopher Dame
Brendan Day
Eric Dion
James Ferreira
Thomas Forest
Robert Greenwood
Brian Gugger
Melissa Hanson
Andrea Hardy
Jane Hatizkonstantis
Shannon Heafey
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Obituaries

Frank B. Bridges

former owner and operator of Wilmington Jenney gas station; lifelong Wilmington resident; at 82

WILMINGTON - Frank B. Bridges, 82, of Wilmington, died Friday, February 14, 2003 at Winchester Hospital.

Born in Wilmington, Mr. Bridges was the son of the late Lemuel and the late Lulu (Dayton) Bridges. He was a life long resident of Wilmington and served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a member of the 2011th Ordinance Maintenance Company. Prior to retirement he owned and operated the Wilmington Jenney gas station on Main Street which later became Wilmington Citgo.

Mr. Bridges was the widower of Edith M. (Carpenter) Bridges and is survived by his son Jake and his wife Janis of Reading, formerly of Wilmington; his daughters Lulu and Linda both of Wilmington; his

grandson John B. Bridges, Jr. of Wilmington and his great granddaughter Sarah of Raymond, N.H. His funeral was held from the W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral



Home, 374 Main St. (Rt. 38), Wilmington Tuesday morning followed by interment in the family lot, Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

James O. Christie

Longtime Wilmington resident, native Scot

WILMINGTON - James O. Christie of Billerica, age 82, a former longtime resident of Wilmington died Monday, February 17, 2003 at Lowell General Hospital. He was the husband of Adele (Lajoie) Christie.

Mr. Christie was born in Dundee, Scotland on July 26, 1920. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Mr. Christie is survived by a daughter Roselyn Roder of New Jersey and a son James J. Christie

and his wife Dorothy of Billerica. He was the brother of Betty McEvan of Soughton and the grandfather of five, and great-grandfather of seven.

A private memorial service will be held at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62) Wilmington on Thursday, February 20 from 4 to 6 p.m., with prayers conducted by Fr. Marcel Lajoie, SM.

Memorial contributions in his memory may be made to the American Lung Association, 61 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10006

Raymond T. Gondola

foreman for JG Willis Tent Co.; member of American Legion Post #447, Somerville; Retired Men's Club of Arlington; at 80

TEWKSBURY - Raymond T. "Ray" Gondola, 80, of Tewksbury, formerly of Newton and Somerville, died February 11, 2003 at Heritage Manor in Lowell.

Born in Somerville, he was Educated there and lived in Newton and Somerville before moving to Tewksbury two years ago. He was retired foreman of JG Willis Tent Co.

Mr. Gondola was a member of American Legion Post #447, Somerville, the Retired Men's Club of Somerville and was a World War II Army veteran.

He was the husband of Assunta "Ciano" (Ciano); father of Robert Gondola Sr. and his wife Linda of Framingham and Raymond T. Gon-

dola Jr. and his wife Doreen of Tewksbury. He was the brother of Charles Gondola of Tewksbury and Rose Parilla of Medford; grandfather of Adam, Bobby Jr., Victoria, Marissa, Kerrie, Colette, Danielle and Kristyn Gondola.

Funeral services were scheduled for Friday morning from the Cota-Struzziero-McKenna Funeral Home, 197 Washington St., Somerville, Friday morning followed by a funeral mass at St. Joseph's Church, Washington St., Somerville and interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Memorial donations made in Ray's name to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA will be appreciated.

Adams honored by the Water Environment Federation

TEWKSBURY - Russell Adams, a Tewksbury resident and employee of PEER Consultants, an environmental engineering and consulting firm, was recently honored with a Service Award from the Water Environment Federation's (WEF) for his service to the organization. Russell served as WEF's Director from 1999-2002.

Russell received this award at NEWEA's Annual Conference, held at the Marriott Copley Place in Boston, January 26-29. NEWEA, the region's latest organization of water pollution control profession-

als, has been working to protect and improve the area's water environment for more than 70 years.

The Association continually directs and promotes the research, development, and application of more advanced and effective water pollution control practices and technologies to protect water resources, safeguard public health, and preserve environmental quality. NEWEA is a Member Association of the Water Environment Federation, a leading international organization dedicated to preserving the global water environment.

Blanche Lange

devoted mother and dear friend to many

WILMINGTON - Blanche Lange, of Wilmington passed away on Monday, February 17, 2003.

Mrs. Lange was a daughter of the late James and Selena Brown of Chelsea. She was born on Feb. 25, 1932 in Chelsea. She grew up in Chelsea and moved to Wilmington 40 years ago and had been a Wilmington resident ever since.

Mrs. Lange is survived by her sisters Marguerite Arsenault, Marion Martin, Patricia Walker, her brothers Aubrey Brown and his wife Marie and Roy Brown. She was predeceased by her brothers James Brown and Donald Brown. She is also survived by her children Ronald Lange and his wife Tina, Kevin Lange and her daughter Valerie Gamache and her husband Paul. One grandchild, Lauren Lange also survives.

After three decades as a devoted mother and wife Mrs. Lange turned her career to Marshall's where she was a clothing processor for seven years. She was loved by many people outside her immediate family who knew her as "Ma Lange."

Friends and relatives are in-

vited to visit Friday, Feb 21 from 2 - 4 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave.



(Rt 62) Wilmington. Her funeral will be held at the Wilmington United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. on Saturday. Interment will take place at the family lot in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers the family wishes that you make a donation to the charity of your choice in her name.

Mary J. Stanley

retired LPN; at 73

WILMINGTON/TEWKSBURY - Mary J. (Gray) Stanley, 73, of Billerica, died February 10, 2003 at Saints Memorial Hospital in Lowell.

Born in Lynn, January 1, 1930, she was the daughter of the late Victor and Jane (Watson) Gray and was educated in Tewksbury Memorial High School and later lived in Billerica for 15 years. She was a retired licensed practical nurse.

Mrs. Stanley was the mother of Edith J. Picard and her husband Arthur of Georgia, Victor T. Stanley and his wife Susan of North Dakota, David W. Stanley and his wife Diane of Billerica, Judith E.

Tinker and her husband Jack of Derry, N.H., Michael G. Stanley and his wife Lillian of Wilmington and John C. Stanley of FL

She was the sister of Priscilla Gerard and her husband Gaston, Alice DiPaolo, Grace Oliver, Doris Fontef and her husband Raymond, Charles Gray and his wife Barbara, Robert and Raymond Gray and the late Jimmy Gray. Mary is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 14 at 11 a.m. in the Cota Funeral Home, 335 Park St., No. Reading, followed by burial in Wildwood Cemetery.

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WILMINGTON - Wilmington Middle School Parents Advisory Council (W.M.S. PAC) and the China Wok Restaurant at 329 Main St., Wilmington, are joining forces on Tuesday, March 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

George Lange, owner of China Wok, has offered to donate 50 percent of his profits for the entire day, to the Wilmington Middle School PAC. All proceeds will be used to help stock the shelves of the W.M.S. Library with much needed resource materials.

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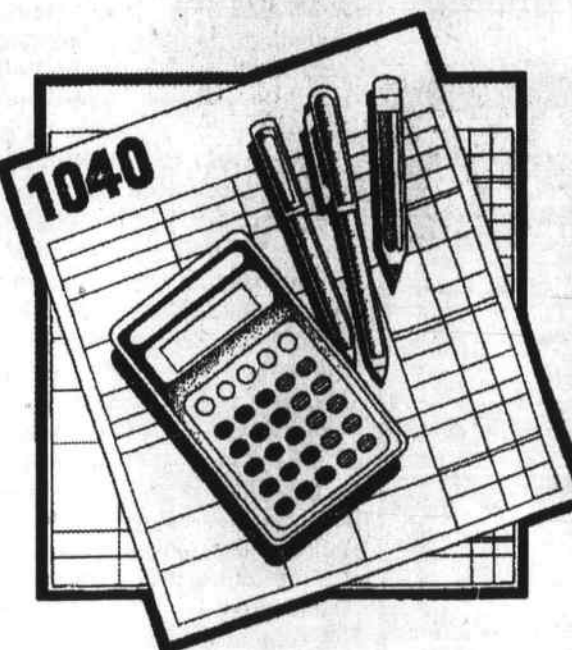
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Buried

18 inches of snow blanket Wilmington

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in the air a little during the morning on Monday, fell heavily throughout the afternoon, evening and night, and finished early on Tuesday.

"It was not a particularly difficult storm," says Donald Onusseit, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works. "It was just snow, and it wasn't heavy and wet. There were not any fallen branches or downed wires."

It was, alas, a storm that cost the town a pretty penny. According to Onusseit, the town spent approximately \$73,810 on cleaning up what Mother Nature wrought. When you break that figure down, you have \$40,260 that was spent on town employees and contractors who plowed the streets, \$28,150 that was used for overtime, and \$5,400 that was spent on salt. It's the expense for overtime that put the cost of this storm over the top.

"Overtime for this storm cost us more than it normally does because we pay time and a half

on holidays, and Monday was President's day," Onusseit says.

The town's snow and ice budget was set at \$386,580 for this winter. As of last Friday, when the Big One was but days away, the DPW had spent nearly \$394,000 to date to clear this winter's snow and ice and make the roads safe. Throw in the \$73,810 that Monday's storm added to that total, and you have a snow and ice budget that has surpassed its initial allocation by 21 percent. When you translate those dollars and cents into inches, you have approximately 86 inches that have landed on Wilmington since that first flake fell in late October.

Onusseit says that Monday's blizzard ranks on a par with the two that raged on Christmas and one night last month. The constant barrage of snowfall has everyone at the DPW thinking spring.

"Oh, yeah, everyone's had enough," Onusseit says. "We're all looking for that 'snow off' switch on the wall somewhere."



THERE ARE VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS . . . and then there are Valentine's Day windsocks. Keara MacCorkle made one during the Family Fun Night that was sponsored by the Wildwood School Extended Day Program on Thursday, February 13. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Deming Way

State accuses Housing Authority of discrimination

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the situation.

The WHA voted on October 28, 2002 to split the unit up into two separate units, much to the indignation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD).

The DHCD is pushing the WHA to work with the Severe Head Injury Program (SHIP) in identifying potential applicants to live in the congregated unit.

The DHCD goes so far as to accuse the WHA of discriminatory practices, should they choose not to work with SHIP.

The WHA and residents of Deming Way assert that nothing could be farther from the truth. According to Cox, the main concern was a lack of supervision available for the SHIP patients. Cox elaborates that the case workers will supervise and work with the SHIP patients for only eight hours a day, and then the patients are left to fend for themselves until the next day.

"If there was 24-hour care, it would be okay," Cox asserts.

Deming Way resident Dot Butler agrees.

"There would be on care or supervision over the weekends," Butler stated. "People in that situation forget to take medication and can have bad reactions. The people on Deming Way are struggling to pay their mortgage and aren't able to offer supervision."

Butler too recalled the tense situations that occurred frequently when the unit was last occupied.

While Deming Way does not accept subsidy money from the state, it does fall under the authority of the DHCD.

In a letter from Carole Collins, the Director of the Bureau of Asset Management within the DHCD, written to

Karen DeJoie, the Executive Director of WHA, the DHCD concedes that congregated units are extremely difficult to fill. The DHCD then goes on to chastise WHA for allowing the unit to remain vacant for two years.

"The Department understands the difficulty of leasing congregated units," the letter states. "We have worked with many housing authorities, statewide, that experience difficulty renting these units because residents share common spaces such as the living room, kitchen/dining room and bathroom, while maintaining a private bedroom."

By the same token, the letter later added, "Since the congregated unit has been vacant for approximately two years, I would like to review DHCD's Policy for Unit Turnover and Rent-up. DHCD has developed this policy effective April 1, 1997. DHCD has prescribed that a reasonable outside limit for turning around vacancies is 21 working days."

The letter goes on to threaten a loss of future subsidies and a re-evaluation of the WHA's overall performance with an "Unacceptable Performance" finding.

According to DHCD's letter, an Unacceptable Performance rating, "signifies serious and substantial management, financial, production, or program management problems which have remained uncorrected over a period of time and demonstrate fundamental management weaknesses."

"Why does the state require that each complex have a congregated unit? They have said themselves that they don't work," Cox laments.

WHA has meetings scheduled with Representative Jim Miceli and State Senator Bruce Tarr, in an effort to alleviate this matter.

Community Advisory Panel

List of environmental consultants narrows

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treatment facility was shut down due to high levels of nitrates.

"If everything goes well, the connection should be completed by Summer 2004," said Woods.

The final list of companies to

be interviewed for the position of consultant includes Environmental Science Services, Inc., Geo Insight, Inc., Coler & Colantonio, Inc. and GeoTrans, Inc.

The interviews, which have not yet been scheduled, will be open to the public.

Disconnected

Hundreds experience phone line outage

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been hit particularly hard by the temporary disconnection.

"Take Lucci's Supermarket, for example. Until Wednesday

morning, cashiers were unable to process credit and debit cards on the store's electronic system. They had to do things the old fashioned way and write

down card numbers, so that they could punch them in once the store's lines got back up.

"That's our first debit card, right there," said a relieved John Lucci, the owner of the market, when a nearby cashier was able to process a card directly after the system's line had been restored. "One at a time, our lines are coming back up."

Michael McCoy, the selectman who owns and operates Michael's Place on Lowell Street, has also felt the sting of no buzz on the phone. He closed down his restaurant at two on Monday afternoon, mainly because he did not want his employees to travel to work through the blizzard, but also because he lacked a phone to take call-in orders for pick-up. To keep the take-out part of his business up and running, McCoy has had the number to his restaurant re-routed to his wife's cell phone.

"I have to ask my employees to remember to hit the 'end' button on the cell phone because it charges 50 cents a minute, and it is also our only

line into the restaurant," McCoy says. "People better stock up on their cell phone batteries."

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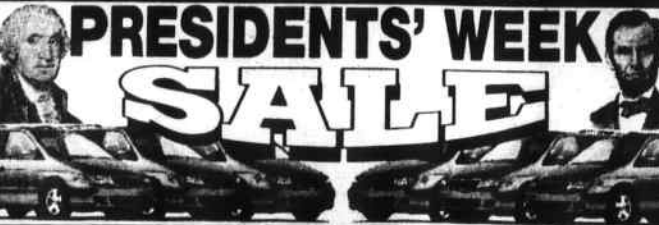
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LaLeche League of Wilmington meets at Winchester Hospital Family Medical Center, 500 Salem St.

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Second Thurs. of each month, 8 p.m., Wil. Minutemen Company meet at Headquarters, at the rear of Harnden Tavern, Woburn Street, near the corner of Rt. 62 in No. Wilmington. Meetings are open to any man or woman interested in local history.

All day, every day: Free blood pressure clinic at Wilmington Fire Station; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., weekends included. No appointment necessary.

Tues., Thurs. Evenings at 7 and Friday at 10 a.m., Internet classes at Wil. Mem. Library. Call 658-2967.

Thursday evenings: Merrimack Valley Chorus open rehearsals/auditions, 7:30 p.m., Wil. Arts Council, Rte. 62. Call 978-851-7764; www.merrimackvalleychorus.com

LaLeche League of Wilmington is a non-profit organization offering breast-feeding support and information through monthly meetings open to pregnant and nursing

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St. Elizabeth Chapel: At the corner of Forest Street and Aldrich Road, offers a monthly healing service. Call 978-658-2487.

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Feb. 18-21: New Youth Outreach Team offers WCTV Video Vacation Camp all students eight and up. Call 978-657-4066 or email wctvjessica@hotmail.com.

Fri., Feb. 21: 3:30 p.m., Teen Book Discussion group at Wil. Mem. Library. Call 978-658-2967.

Wed., Feb. 26: 7:30 p.m. Strings Attached Parent Support meets at Wil. Middle School. Informational meeting regarding trip to Lake George. Call 978-657-7450.

Tues., March 4: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., China Wok Restaurant 329 Main St., Wilmington will donate 50 percent of day's profits to Wil. Middle School PAC. Proceeds will be used to stock the school's library shelves.

Wed., March 5: 3 to 8 p.m., Wilmington Rotary sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive. Call 800-448-3543.

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Moms & Tots: sponsored by Tewks. United Methodist Church, South and Main; drop by any and all Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 978-658-9551.

Toddler Story Times at Tewks. Lib. Weds. at 10 and 10:30 a.m. Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Call 978-640-4490

Second Wed. Of Each month, 7 p.m., Shawheen River Watershed Assoc. meets at Tewks Public Library, Chandler Street at Main.

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Second and fourth Wed.: The Tewksbury Chapter of the American Chronic Pain Assoc. meets the second and fourth Wed. of each month at 7 p.m. Call 978-640-9497 for information.

Third Sat., of each month: Good Will Industries at Tewks. DPW from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to collect computers and tvs. Donation of \$5 will be requested.

Signup for Girl Scouts by calling Joyce at 978-640-8925 or email phamlyn@mediaone.net.

Every Thurs.: Al-Anon meeting at St. William's Church basement, Main St., Tewksbury; 7:30 p.m. Call Dottie at 978-851-7655.

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Tues & Thurs: 7 to 11 p.m., Country Storm line dancing lessons with beginners night Thurs; open dancing for all 8-11 p.m. at VFW Hall, Vernon Street.

Sen. Sue Tucker Office Hours at Tewksbury Public Library. Call 617-722-1612.

Program at TMHS Evening of

Giving in Simon Mall. Call 978-858-0340.

Thurs., Feb. 13: 6:30 to 8 p.m., TMHS sponsors an eighth grade open house for parents/guardians and students in the Gaffney Auditorium.

Sat., Feb. 15: 10 a.m. to noon, Tewks. Comm. Pantry open for distribution. Call 978-858-2273.

Wed., Feb. 19: 1 p.m., Italian Fest for Tewks. VFW and Lyons at the Pines of Tewksbury. "Never Forget Day," call 978-657-8088.

Fri., Feb. 21: Tewks. Senior Center Valentine's Dance.

Sat., Feb. 22: The Wake of Matty O'Malley at K of C Hall, 2068 Main St., Tewks. Cocktails at 7; dinner at 7:30; showtime 8:30. Call 978-658-2519.

Feb. 22, 23: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Personal Protection Class at Tewks. Rod and Gun Club. Call 978-851-6286. Reservations required.

Sun., Feb. 23: 7:30 p.m., at Tewks. Congregational Church, Tewks. Interfaith Choir starts rehearsals for spring concert.

Tues., Feb. 25: 2 p.m., Pines of Tewksbury will host a Family Behavioral Home Health Program at the Pines. Call 978-657-0800.

Thurs., Feb. 27: 7:30 p.m., Tewksbury author Jean Trounstein will be at Andover Bookstore to read from her new collection of poetry, Almost Home Free, about her journey through breast can-

cer. Call 800-491-0153.

Sat., March 1: Deadline for Dewing School Brick orders. Call 978-851-0299.

Wed., March 26: 6 to 8 p.m., Tewks. Rotary Annual Taste of the Town Gala at Elks Club, 777 South St., Tewksbury. Call 978-851-2950.

Mar. 6-April 10: Hunter Ed course at Tewks. Rod & Gun Club. 7 to 9:30 p.m. Contact George Rost.

Tues., March 11: Tewks. Golden Age Club annual penny sale. Donated items may be left at the Senior Center after Feb. 21.

March 24-28: American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days. Volunteers needed. Call 1-800-ACS-2345.

Fri., March 28: 3 p.m., last chance to enter child's name for pre-school experience lottery. Call Spec. Ed. Office at 978-640-7818.

Sat., March 29: Tewks. seniors giant yard sale and senior version of the "Antique Road Show."

Fri., April 4: TMHS Athletic Hall of Fame 10th annual induction ceremony at Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks. Call 978-6400-7834.

Blue Cross Blue Shield offers free course on eating healthy

BOSTON - Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (BCBSMA) and WebMD Health will sponsor Let's Eat! a free online course designed to help you make educated decisions about what you eat, no matter how busy you are. BCBSMA members and non-members can log on for lectures and chat with experts in nutrition to discuss various topics including How to Evolve into a Good Eater; Busy Eaters - Tough Problems; and Top foods: Are they in your cabinets? Participants can also download healthy recipes. Classes will be held March 3-30. Registration begins February 17. To register for Let's Eat!, log on to www.bluecrossma.com and follow

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Seniors to hold Antique Road Show

TEWKSBURY - A giant yard sale and senior version of the Antique Road Show will be held at Tewksbury Senior Center 175 Chandler St., Saturday, March 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Local residents receive academic honors at Northeastern

WILMINGTON - Ten Wilmington residents have distinguished themselves academically and were named to the dean's list for the fall quarter at Northeastern University.

Mark Rappoli, a management information systems major; Daniel Keating, majoring in marketing; Theodore Wallus, majoring in mar-

keting; Kaleena Scamman, a music major; Kristen Pelletier, a nursing major; Erin Fuller, also majoring in nursing;

Karen Medeiros, a political science major; Lyndsey Borsetti, majoring in speech-language pathology and audiology; Kalia Gordon, an art major and Christine Antonangeli, an economics major.

Spring has sprung at the Reading YMCA

READING - Did you know that February was "Healthy Heart Month?" According to the American Heart Association, Americans are eating more and exercising less.

The YMCA has the answer. Registration has started for the Spring I sessions of classes. The registration is going on now with classes starting Monday, March 3. There are aquatic programs, fitness and aerobic classes. These classes are for people of all ages.

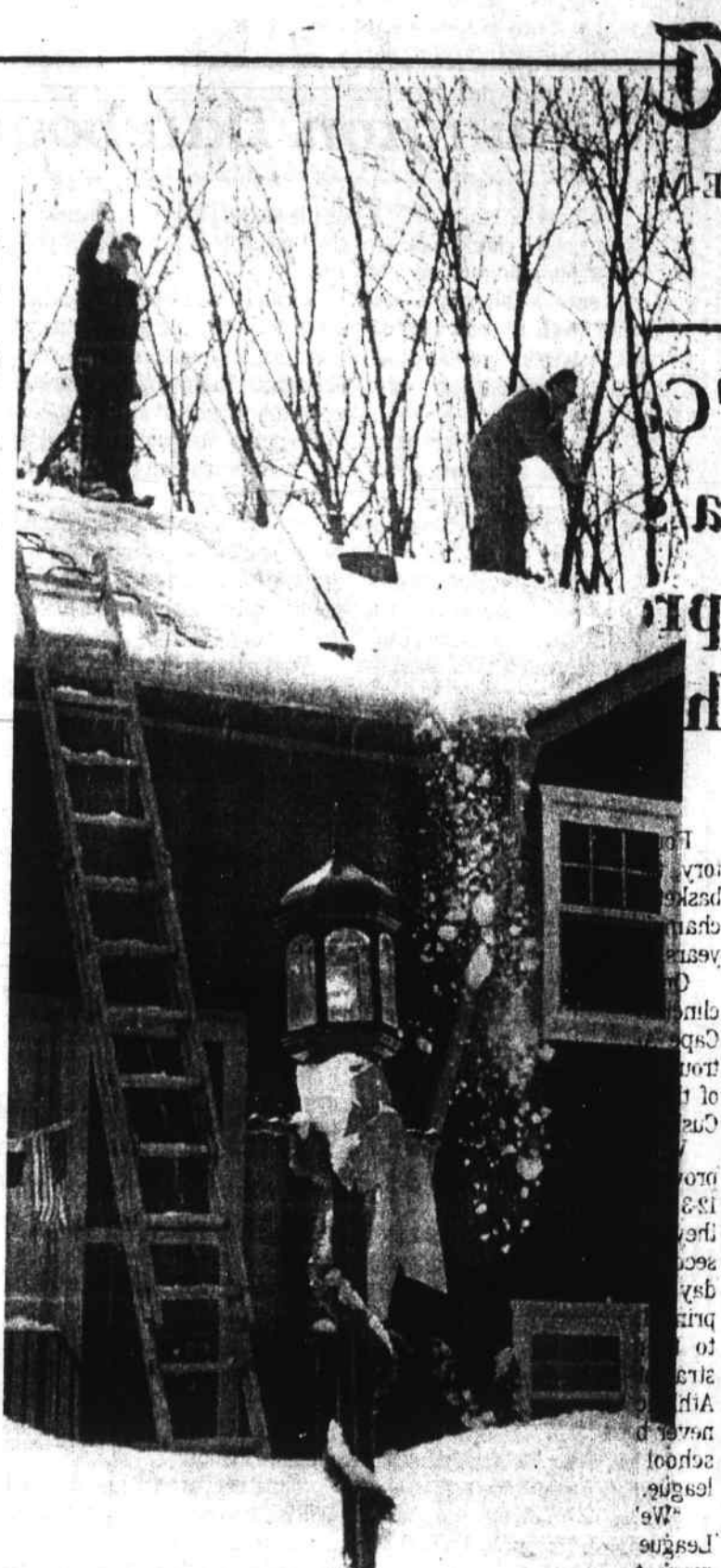
There has never been a better time for swim lessons. The Aquatic Department has put together classes for swimmers of all abilities. New this season is the Water Polo Club. This program teaches the rules of the game with skill technique. You would also have endurance training. This class is designed for beginners in grades eight through 10th.

A great new program for the new and soon-to-be new moms would be "Aqua Moms." This class is a cutting edge pregnancy workout. It is creative and challenging yet safe and comfortable in the

warm water pool. Stretching, toning and relaxation is perfect for the pregnant and postpartum moms.

Preschool classes are a great choice for your little one. The Y has added three brand new classes. World Discovery - The Rainforest Adventure, introduces children ages three to five, to the wonders of the Rainforest. The children will learn about animals and the jungle environment with hands on projects and activities. Spring is Sensational will teach children about the wonders of the living plant. They will plant seeds, listen to stories, enjoy arts and crafts and much more when they learn about the wonders of nature. All About Me is a fun class designed for children ages four - five, to learn more about them. They will participate in games, crafts, sharing and story time all while learning about their bodies, senses, families and friends.

If you would like more information about the great new programs the YMCA is offering, please call 781-944-9622.



LOOK OUT BELOW! Dan Harrison and Dave Sgroso are busy this week clearing snow from roofs around town. It's not just the weight of snow that is bad for roofs -- ice dams can cause thousands of dollars of damage as water backs up and pours down the inside of a home's exterior walls. If you see icicles dripping over the edge of your gutters, then that might be a telltale sign that you may have a problem developing on top of your home. The only solution is to remove the snow, which is the source of the water, from your roof. According to Harrison, you should not try to remove the ice up there, for you can cause more damage to your house. (Stu Neilson photo)

Feener wins National Russian Essay Gold Medal

READING - February 5, 2003 Austin Preparatory School junior, Michael Feener, of Tewksbury re-

cently won a gold medal in the National Russian Essay Contest. Feener, who has studied the language for three years, and other Austin students took part in this competition testing their written Russian-language skills. The students had two hours to compose an essay in Russian on the topic Where is the best place to live? US teachers of Russian and language specialists from the Pushkin Institute in Moscow judged the essays, evaluating them based upon the number of years students have been studying the language. Feener was among eight Austin students recognized for their writing. He is the son of Gordon and Susan Feener.



Frank earns Dean's Award at Colgate University

TEWKSBURY - Ellen Connor Frank, daughter of Joseph and Lynda Frank of Tewksbury, is a recipient of the Dean's Award for academic excellence during the fall 2002 semester at Colgate University, where she is a member of the Class of 2005. To be eligible for the Dean's Award, a Colgate student must achieve a 3.30 or higher average while carrying a full course load of four courses per semester.

A 2001 graduate of Tewksbury Memorial High School, Ellen is concentrating in environmental studies at Colgate.

Also an integral member of the staff of Colgate's Outdoors Education Program, Ellen spends time leading physical education courses, wilderness adventures, team building activities, other environmental outreach programs.

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'Cats grab a share of program history

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

For the first time in school history, the Wilmington High boys' basketball team has won league championships two consecutive years.

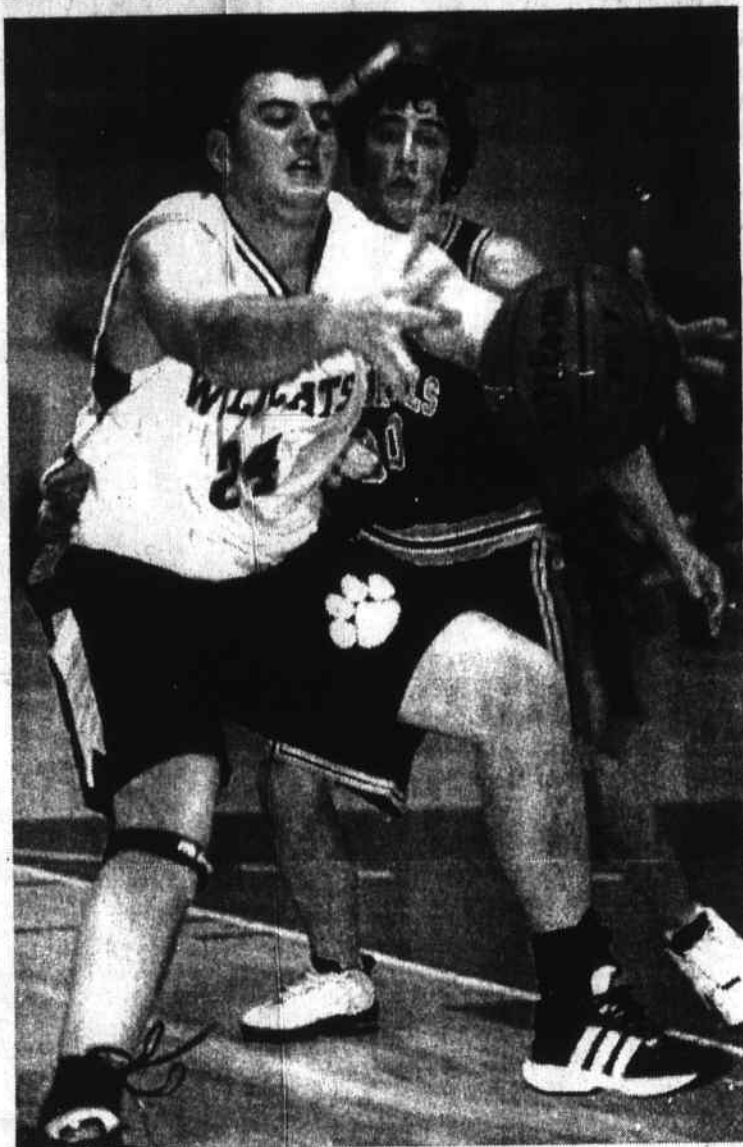
On Thursday night, the 'Cats clinched at least a share for the Cape Ann League with its 72-36 trouncing over Georgetown in front of the home crowd at the Larry Costello Sr. Gymnasium.

With the win, Wilmington improved to 13-5 on the season, and 12-3 in the Cape Ann League. Should they beat North Andover for the second time this season on Wednesday night while this paper is being printed, they will have the title all to themselves for the second straight year which according to Athletic Director Jim Gillis has never been done by any team in school history, no matter the league.

"We're 28-4 in the Cape Ann League the last two years with one more to go," said coach Jim McCune. "I think that's something special. I think that's impressive. But the kids don't want to share the title - so one game left and we want it to be solely ours. And you can bet that North Andover will be out to do anything they can to take it away from us."

The following night, Thursday, Wilmington will travel to Tewksbury for the regular season finale. The game was scheduled for Monday night but because of the snow storm it was moved to Thursday. The following night, on Friday, the state tournament pairings will be announced and Wilmington has also qualified for it for the eighth time in the past nine years. Last year the team defeated Weston, Watertown and North Cambridge Catholic, before losing to Lynn Tech in the program's first ever trip to a sectional title (two games before a state title).

"I think we're seeing that the



GOING AFTER IT! Wilmington High senior forward Pat Taylor has helped the Wildcats grab a share of the Cape Ann League title, which they can win outright for the second straight year with a win over North Andover. Taylor was named to the CAL All-Star team this past week. (photo by Jessica Stygles).

glow is back in the kids' eyes," said McCune. "The last couple of games the fire seems to be there. We're playing much better as a team and I think it's coming."

On Thursday, Wilmington took care of business against a sub-par Georgetown team. The 'Cats stormed out to a 17-5 lead halfway through the first half and the lead expanded to 39-14 at the halftime break. Zach Mitzan had the hot start as he scored 8 of his 12 points on the night in the first 7:14, including several great passes from Mike Jordan, Craig Osgood and Derek Trueira.

Trueira continued his strong play as he scored on three straight Wildcat baskets on the way to his career and team high 17 points. He nailed a three-pointer, and followed that up with two jumpers, one on a nice dish from Eric Olilla. After

Georgetown hit a trey to cut it to 31-12, Wilmington closed out the half on a 8-2 run including a pair of baskets from sophomore Dan Hurley.

Jordan got hot to start the second half off with three straight baskets of his own. A few minutes later, the starters were out and McCune emptied his bench where everyone contributed to the win.

Trueira led with 17 points, followed by Mitzan with a dozen. Pat Taylor had 8 points, while Jordan, Sean and Craig Osgood each had seven points. Eric Olilla had a solid six points.

This past weekend the league announced that Mike Jordan was the lone Wildcat named to the All-Conference team. Both Pat Taylor and Zach Mitzan were named to the all-star team.

Ryan Tildsley and Sean Osgood help hoop team

Guards pair up to fill void

BY JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Before the season began, both Sean Osgood and Ryan Tildsley figured to be in the mix of the fifth starter and/or the first player off the bench. At that time, not too much could have been expected out of both of them because neither of them had all that much varsity experience.

Now 18 games into the season, the Wilmington High boys' basketball team would certainly be running on empty without the play of both of the senior guards.

"The kids don't know this yet, but the league is voting for its all-stars this weekend and I'm going to nominate Mike Jordan, Pat Taylor and Zach Mitzan as all-conference players," said coach Jim McCune after Thursday's trouncing win over Georgetown. "But just like I'm going to tell them, as hard as it is to choose those three players, I really believe the unsung hero awards go to both Ryan and Sean. They both filled the job when Craig [Osgood] was out and we wouldn't be where we are without them."

Tildsley saw more of the action last year off the bench as Sean Osgood did. He was known for his outside shooting, but he had to round out his game a little bit more. He certainly has done that this season. He has proven that not only can and does he make the big shots at times, but he can play defense, he distributes the ball very well and he's an all-around intelligent player.

"Ryan is not the prototypical player," said McCune. "But he brings tons of toughness. He does a lot of the little things that go unnoticed. He shoots the ball really well, he plays tough defense and he's very deceptive on defense. He's not quick and he's not big, but he does a great job."

With several outstanding offensive players, Tildsley just had to concentrate on supplying the team with minutes — but good minutes. Around the team's fourth or fifth game, it was evident just how comfortable he was getting out on the floor. That quickly transpired to great dishes under the net, stealing a ball, or hitting that key free throw, or the key three-pointer which he has done so often this season.

"I have a lot of confidence now," said Tildsley. "I know not everything is going to go in and I'm not going to score all of these points, but I'll hit some shots, I'll make some passes and I'll do some other things to help out the team. I like that role."

He has had several big games. In the Christmas Tournament against Tewksbury, he came through with four big free throws during crunch time and that seemed to boost his confidence. And just two weeks ago, with the game on the line, he drained a beautiful three-point swish with seconds remaining giving the 'Cats a short lead over Masconomet. Several seconds later, Tildsley was called for a bogus foul and the 'Cats ended up losing the game.

"It was the biggest shot of my life and then all of a sudden it was ruined," he said. "I was on the floor with Pat [Taylor] going after the ball and the Masco kid was looking down on us and I got called for the foul - I wasn't even near him. But hitting that shot was great - I was pretty pumped up."

At the start of the season, that was the complete opposite for Sean Osgood. He was playing extremely nervous and it was painfully obvious. Certainly he was trying to get himself familiarized with the team, and with varsity experience. At the same time, he also had to be trying to fill in for his brother Craig, who missed the first half of the season. On top of all of that, he was playing a new position, and certainly the hardest one on the floor - point guard. Sean as expected, was making the rookie mistakes, with passes, shot selections and turnovers.

Now two months later, he's draining base line jumpers, out-

side shots, while he has made those pretty passes to Craig or the Big Guys down low. He's certainly played above and beyond any expectations of him.

"He bore the brunt of it," said McCune. "He's not a point guard but he played there for us and he stepped up and took the ball. And now I'd say the last five or six games, both he and Ryan are starting to blossom. Against Pentucket, Sean had 17 points all in the first half, and since the Amesbury game he's really been on a great stretch for us."

Sean said making the adjustments at the start of the season certainly was tough, but the positives certainly outweighed the negatives.

"Usually I play the two-guard," he said. "And it was tough play the one, because I had to make sure I got the ball to the go-to guys."

Just like Tildsley, it was around the fourth or fifth game of the season when Sean took the bull by the horns and really stepped up. His ball handling skills became much better. His decisions were much better. He wasn't turning the ball over. He was making the occasional jump shot, and distributing the ball better than ever. During that time, the team reeled off a nice winning streak, as right now they are 13-5 and one win away

from enjoying its second straight Cape Ann League Championship.

"It was probably the game against North Reading," said Sean about the turn around in his game. "I minimized my turnovers and I figured out then that I could play with these guys."

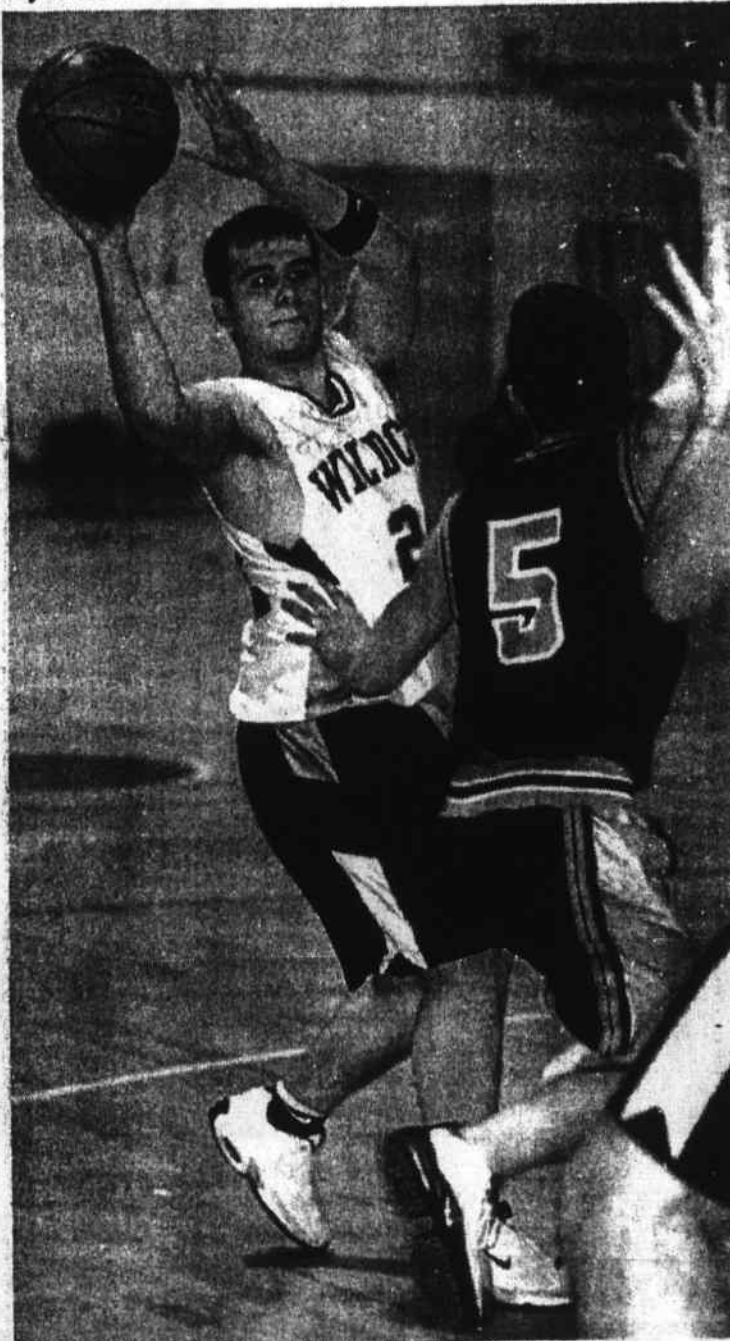
About three weeks ago, Craig Osgood came back. Although the minutes of both Ryan and Sean have gone down a little bit, certainly McCune and the team realizes having them out on the floor as much as possible is only going to help.

"Sean has taken his game to the next level - both him and Ryan have," said McCune. "We were 8-3 without Craig and a lot of the credit goes to those two guys. They both did a great job and I'm really proud of them."

Sean said even though he might lose a handful of minutes each game to his brother, he welcomes it back with open arms.

"Craig does everything," said Sean. "He rebounds, he shoots, he distributed the ball and he plays defense. We've been playing together for a long time and we know what each other likes to do. We bring out the best in each other."

Certainly Sean Osgood and Ryan Tildsley bring out the best in the Wildcat basketball team.



DOING THE LITTLE THINGS! Wilmington High senior Ryan Tildsley, here in action during a recent Cape Ann League, has been a key fixture to his year's team. Both he and Sean Osgood have done a terrific job helping the team to its 13-5 record and at least a share of the league title. (photo by Jessica Stygles).

Another big weekend for wrestlers

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

What happened on this weekend occurred several years ago, the Wilmington High wrestling team would be celebrating its first ever Division 3 sectional championship.

But then again the MIAA had to foul things up.

Two years ago, the MIAA realigned the sections and dropped two Middlesex League powerhouses Burlington and Winchester

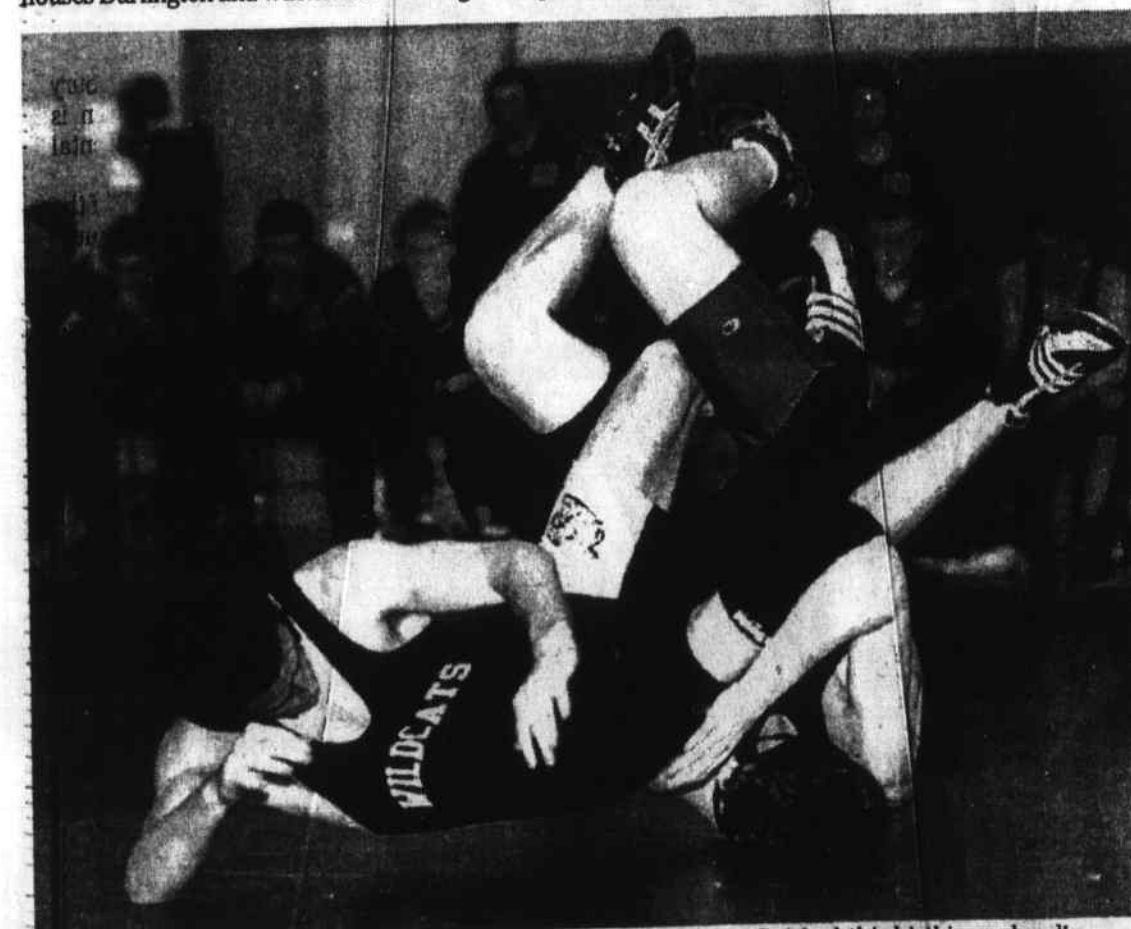
down from Division 2 to Division 3. Last year that hurt Wilmington as they finished fourth in the section and fifth in the state, while both Burlington and Winchester finished ahead of them in both meets. Once again that happened this weekend in the sectional meet held at Wayland High School.

Burlington won the meet with 194 points, while, Winchester was second with 182 points. Wilmington was right behind those two teams taking third place with a total of

182 points.

"Absolutely amazing," said coach Mike Pimental. "Just incredible. The kids were able to put everything together. I remember a few years ago when we went to the sectionals, we barely were able to score points and the other day we were so close of taking first place and everyone was getting involved with the team scores and what we had to do to win. We had a couple

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YOU'RE CAUGHT! The Wilmington High wrestling team finished third in this weekend's Division 3 sectional meet held at Wayland High School. This weekend they will send nine wrestlers to the Division 3 state meet to be held Friday and Saturday at Burlington High School. (photo by Jessica Stygles).

Beat the Winter Blues with the 2nd Annual Dick Scanlon Scholarship Fundraiser

WILMINGTON - What are you doing on the night of Saturday, March 1, 2003? If your answer is "nothing...really," then this invitation is extended to you!

The Second annual Dick Scanlon Scholarship Fundraiser will be held this year at the Wilmington Knights of Columbus, 72 School Street Extension (located behind St. Thomas Church). The festivities begin at 8:00 p.m. and last until 12:00 midnight.

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The tickets to this event are \$25.00 and sorry kiddies...you must be at least 21 years of age to attend. To buy tickets, contact Steve or Tina Scanlon at 978-694-7944. All proceeds from this event will go to the "Dick Scanlon Memorial Athletic Scholarship Fund," for a boy and girl athlete from Wilmington High School.

If you cannot make this special event, please consider sending a donation. Mail to Rich Scanlon, 107 Salem Rd., Billerica, MA 01821.

Girls' track team makes it a tri-fecta

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Already coming off a terrific showing during the regular season, and then the Cape Ann League Meet last Tuesday, the Wilmington High girls' indoor track-and-field team made it a tri-fecta this past Saturday morning with its best showing at the State Class C Meet since being bumped up from Class D several years ago.

Wilmington finished in a three way tie for 11th place along with East Longmeadow and Mansfield with 16 team points. Bishop Feehan (40), Holliston (33), last year's winner and league rival Ipswich/Georgetown (28), and both Wayland and Tewksbury (23) rounded out the top five teams.

"This was a great day for sure," said coach Megan Donahue. "I've seen consistent improvement all season long but [Saturday's performances] haven't been seen all

season. The last two weeks everything just clicked and [Saturday] we had so many personal bests, several girls placing and we placed higher than we ever have before. It's such a great day and I'm so proud of the girls."

The team scored its 16 points thanks to a third place finish by freshman Jackie Mello in the 55-meter dash, a fifth place finish by Michelle Brush in the two-mile and a second place finish by the 4x800 relay team. On top of that, Wilmington just missed out on scoring in several other events. Michaela Rufo finished seventh in the 600 (1:43.80) and she tied for fifth place (wasn't awarded any points because of the seven girls in front of her who had less misses than she did) in the high jump (4-10). Melissa Marques also just missed out on a point as she took seventh in the 1,000 with a time of

3:17.32.

"The 4x800 team was definitely a highlight," said Donahue. "And Michelle and Jackie both qualifying for the all-states is right up there too. Michelle's performances were really special because she finished the two mile and had to go right to the relay with hardly any rest. We didn't expect the races to be back-to-back but for her to finish like she did in both races is really something we didn't expect."

Jackie predicted to finish third on the bus and she was sick all week and didn't get to practice so that was really good especially since she was seeded 13th and finished third and she's just a freshman."

Mello's finish started off the morning for the girls. She finished at 7.67 seconds which trailed Kara Dickman of Westborough (7.36) and Sarah Sernik of Northampton

(7.56). She will be among the state's 20 best runners at Saturday morning's All-State Meet. Also among the best will be Brush, who finished fifth in the two-mile at 12:06.83, which was her best time of the season.

"The two mile is the best time of the season for me, but it feels so awesome to finish this well," said Brush.

With just one race in between her rests, Brush along with Marques, Rufo and Mary Sullivan combined to take a second place in the 4x800 relay race finishing at 10:20.24. Bishop Feehan won the race at 10:16.58, but anchor leg Rufo did a great job passing three runners over the last 300 meters or so.

Mello along with Alicia Braid, Allison Flynn and Katherine Chin combined to finish 12th in the 4x200. Flynn also competed in the 600 and she finished 27th with a time of 1:50.29.



A BUSY DAY! Wilmington High senior captain Michelle Brush finished fifth in the two-mile, and was part of the second place 4x800 relay team at Saturday's State Class C Meet held in Boston. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux).

Nothing Mello about this freshman

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

If Saturday morning was any indication of what's to come, Wilmington High freshman Jackie Mello is surely going to have a fantastic career on the girls track-and-field team.

Without practicing all week long because she was ill, Mello, who is coming off being the Cape Ann League's best 55-meter dash runner, entered the prestigious Class C State Meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center. Despite the older more experienced runners, Mello didn't let any of that affect her as she took third place with a time of 7.67.

Mello finished behind Westborough's Kara Dickman, who finished at 7.37 and also took first place in the long jump with one of the best leaps in the entire country at 18-10, while, Sarah Sernik of Northampton finished second at 7.57. All in all, Mello finished behind two tremendously gifted runners, while she finished well ahead of at least 30 other runners from various towns throughout the state.

And she did all of that while being ill.

"I went to the doctors and they said I didn't have strep throat, but they thought maybe I had that bug that's been going around," said Mello. "I could feel it a little bit when I started, and I could tell during the middle of the race that I was hurting a bit, but I tried not to let it affect me."

On the bus ride to the meet, Mello was asked by her teammates how she felt she would do. Despite the early morning bus ride, her illness and not competing at all since Tuesday's CAL Meet, she answered honestly.

"A lot of kids asked me how I thought I would do and I said maybe third place," she said. "I wanted to get within the top five. First place would have been nice, but I'll certainly settle for third. I was very nervous. They were all really good girls, not only as runners but as people too. I'm very overwhelmed. To be a freshman and to do what juniors and seniors do is just really overwhelming. I'm just in awe that I was able to do as well as I did."

Said coach Megan Donahue, "Jackie was awesome. She came in seeded 13th and she finished third so it's obvious that she did a tremendous job today. Plus she was sick, didn't practice and she's a freshman. I just think it's great to see her do this well."

With the third place finish, Mello advances to this Saturday morning's all-state meet which will once again be held at the Reggie Lewis Center. The all-state meet will feature the top five finishers in all four Classes A through D. Mello will be in a field of 20 runners with the top four advancing

another week to the New England Meet. However, she might have a difficult time getting ready for it.

"I'm going to Florida for the week," she said. "But I have to practice. I'm going to bring the blocks with me because I'm always worried that I start off slow and I haven't learned how to get out fast with them yet. But I plan on bringing them with me to Florida and practice as much as I can."

Give her a few days of practice, and who knows what this small, very talented freshman sprinter may accomplish?

Relay team mixes in right ingredients

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

One of them had just finished a two mile race and had just a few minutes before catching her breathe. A second one has been battling injuries all season and wasn't even sure if she was running in the race. A third member is just a sophomore who has been thrown in because of her promising talents. And the fourth one is a girl who seems to compete more for her friends and teammates than herself.

So when it was all said and done, the team of Michelle Brush, Michaela Rufo, Melissa Marques and Mary Sullivan combined to finish in second place with a time of 10:20.24. That second place was half of the team's total 16 points during the meet which featured over 30 teams at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury.

The four of them now advance to this Saturday's All-State Meet, which will also be at the RLC beginning at 9:30 AM.

"The 4x800 team was definitely a highlight," said coach Megan Donahue. "Michelle's performances were really special because she finished the two mile and had to go right to the relay with hardly any rest. We didn't expect the races to be back-to-back but for her to finish like she did in both races is really something we didn't expect."

Marques was the lead-off leg and she certainly set the tone for the entire team. She jumped out to a great start, pulling ahead of the rest of the pack early on and maintaining that lead as her lead-off leg came to a successful halt.

"I wanted to go out that fast but it was hard because I kept getting blocked in," said Marques. "I kept trying to pass but it was hard because I kept getting blocked. So on the last lap, I knew I could faster."

Sullivan was up next and she went out very strong, and that seemed to hurt. In the end she said she was dead tired as several other runners were able to get by her in that final lap. However, she ran a very courageous leg, whether she admits it or not.

"I wasn't expecting us to be in first so I was so nervous," said Sullivan. "I figured we would be right in the middle of the pack and then I could just hopefully stay there. So when I got the baton, [the second place runner] went really fast and I wasn't expecting that. I was talking to her before the race and she was saying that she wasn't that good so I figured that I could stay with her. And she

went out so fast and I tried to keep up with her and that really got me tired at the end."

When asked about being a member of the second place team, Sullivan immediately tossed the credit to everyone else - much like she did in soccer.

"I'm proud of [Marques, Brush and Rufo] - I look up to them and that's why I'm so happy for them," she said.

Brush took the third leg which gave her a few more minutes to cool off after finishing in fifth place in the two-mile journey. She was able to stay right in the middle of the pack, holding her own despite the last lap almost hell for her.

"It was very hard," she said about bouncing right back. "My legs felt like jello. The last lap was very difficult - I didn't know if I had anything left. Coming in I forgot that the relay was right after the two mile. I thought I was going to have some time in between but I really didn't. I thought there was going to be two heats for the 4x800. I thought I would extra time to rest but there was just one heat and I had to go right away and that was very tough."

Rufo was the anchor leg and she had some work to do. With

about three-quarters of a lap left to go, she moved into third place. As she came around the final two turns, she passed two more runners as the team took a huge second place, coming from fourth just 15 seconds earlier.

"I got the baton and we were in fourth and I was able to pass one girl (before the last turn on the last lap) and I was able to pass two more runners but it was all confusing because there was a girl who passed me but she had one lap to go," said Rufo. "So I just figured to do as fast as I could."

Rufo has been battling injuries, including a pulled Achilles' tendon and she wasn't even sure if she could or was going to run.

"I wasn't sure which events I was going to be doing because I've missed some time," she said. "I didn't know until today if I was running the 600 or the 1,000. The 600 didn't go too well because I finished seventh and missed placing for the all-states by like a hundredth of a second and come to find out if I ran the 1,000 (with my seeded time) I would have won it so that was pretty horrible. So I was pretty upset and I didn't even want to run the 4x800 but I'm so glad I did."

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IMPRESSIVE START! Wilmington High freshman Jackie Mello (right) talks over strategy with teammate Debbie Lyons during a recent CAL track meet. Mello finished third in the 55-meter dash at Saturday's State Class C Meet held in Boston. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux).

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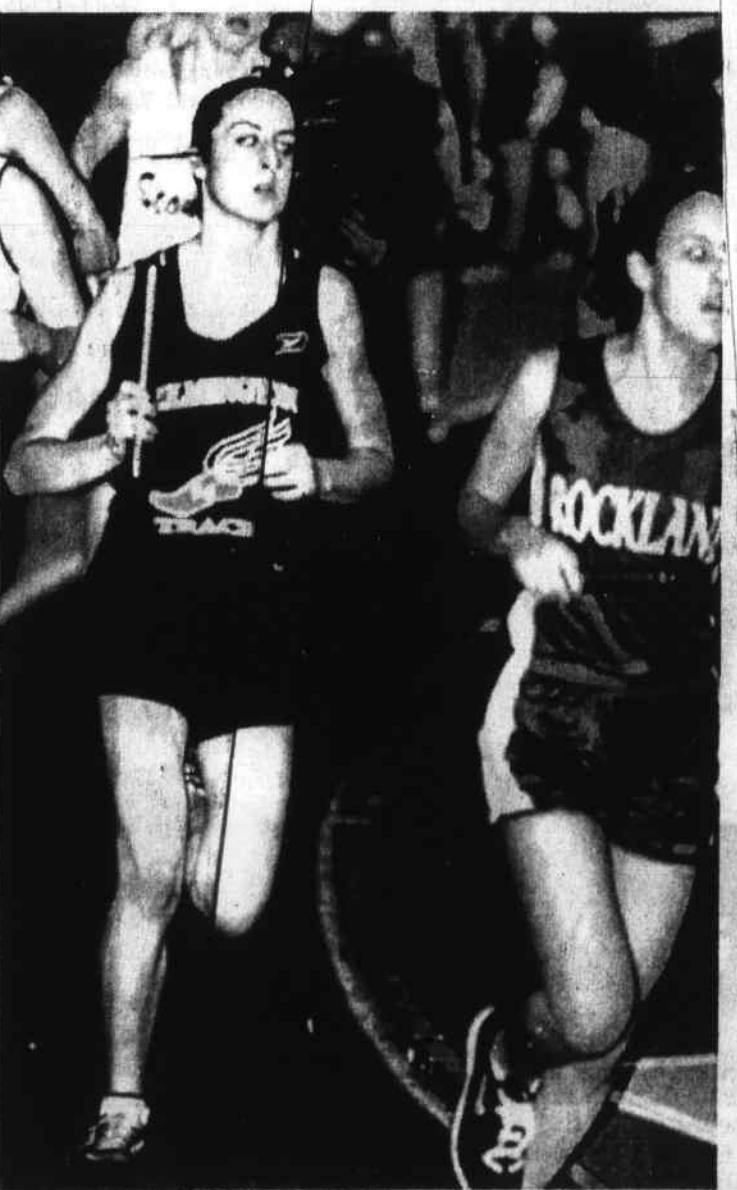
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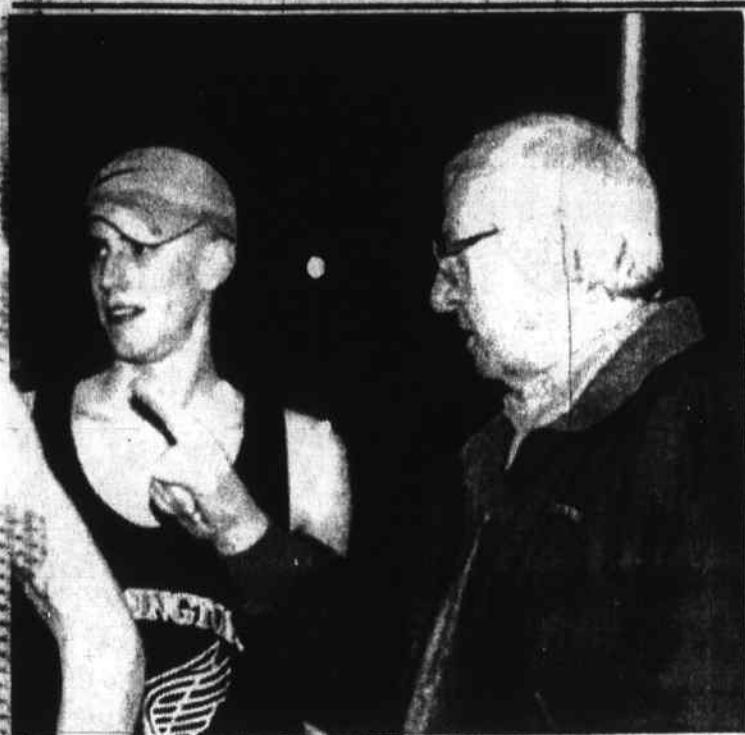
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WILMINGTON HIGH SOPHOMORE MELISSA MARQUES was the lead-off leg for the second place 4x800 relay team during Saturday's Class C State Meet held in Roxbury. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux).



WILMINGTON HIGH BOYS' INDOOR TRACK COACH Bob Cripps was named the Cape Ann League Coach of the Year. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux).

Cripps honored as Coach of the Year

By SIOBHAN L. WALSH
Sports Correspondent

Bob Cripps has that wry air of confidence that only a thirty plus year track coach can have. You know, the kind of knowing characteristic of literal soothsayers and wizards, the kind of measured assurance that comes only from experience. Wilmington's own Merlin of sorts, the magician behind Wilmington's track success.

It hasn't always been a rosy stroll for Cripps. He'll be the first to tell you that there have been some rocky seasons and even spans of rockier years in his 32-year tenure as a Wilmington track coach. But he'll also tell you that what keeps him going is not winning, but the sheer effort of some of his protégés, and even non-protégés.

"I was one of those foolish people who worked instead of participating in sports," jokes Cripps when referring to his youth.

Cripps was honored this past week as the Cape Ann League Boys' Track Coach of the Year. He received long-overdue recognition for his own efforts.

"I was very pleased," said Cripps. "It's [gratifying] that it is not some outside group, but the coaches of the league [who choose the award]."

Cripps' track coaching days began in 1968 when he started assisting then track coach Frank Kelly around the field. In 1972, he became the official assistant to

Kelly and helped coach Wilmington to a historical victory against North Andover (undefeated in 99 meets in a row) enroute to the Merrimack Valley League Championship. A harbinger of things to come, as Wilmington's relay team went on to win the State Championship that year.

"That was definitely the first major highpoint," said Cripps.

And it hasn't been the last as Cripps has coached and even discovered national javelin contenders and highly recruited track stars. His most memorable group was by far the 1993 4x400 relay team, which finished as the top ranked relay team in the country.

"That was definitely fun, traveling all around the country and competing," said Cripps. "That was a team that practiced after practice."

Cripps attempted to retire from coaching as recently as the 90s, but was beckoned back by the kids that have come to respect, value and believe in his efforts, who believe in his measured magic.

"The idea that they respected you well enough to want you back even though you were retiring...that's a really great feeling," said Cripps.

After 30 plus years on the job, Cripps is all too familiar with the pressures facing the kids on his team today. He'll tell you in that sage manner that his basic philosophy has always been and continues to remain that his kids re-

Gustin, Relay team lead charge

Boys track team places 12th at state meet

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

ROXBURY — The Wilmington High boys indoor track-and-field team finished in 12th with ten points during Saturday morning's Class C State Championship Meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury.

Wayland won the meet with 65 points, followed by Tewksbury (36), Gardner (34), Mansfield (32) and Stoneham (26) to round out the top five teams. Over 30 teams competed in the meet.

Wilmington placed in the top six in two events, as Jason Gustin took second in the 1,000 meter run

(2:39.36), while, he, Brian Schell, Shayne Gaffney and Chris Murray combined for a fifth place in the 4x800 relay with a time of 8:47.68.

"The 4x800 team didn't do as well as they had in the past, but they haven't had too much rest," said coach Bob Cripps. "Just after Jason ran [the 1,000], they had the mile and then go right to the relay. Shayne Gaffney was back for this race, but he hasn't run in quite some time, in about six weeks. They made it to the all-states this Saturday and I believe they'll do better there. I wasn't disappointed with them."

With several injuries and sicknesses, it wasn't known just how well the team would do. For the most part the Wildcats did pretty well. Gustin's gusty performance in the 1,000 really sparked the meet as he overtook several runners down the stretch for his second place finish advancing him to this Saturday's All-State Meet for the

second straight year.

"In the 1,000, Jason Gustin went in there with in there seeded tenth and finished second," said Cripps. "He did his best time. I have tremendous amount of confidence in him."

Senior Dan Vassallo just missed out placing as he took eighth in the two mile finishing with his best time of the season at 10:14.37. Tewksbury's Dan Sarsfield won the event at 9:45.77.

In the 600, Brian Schell finished 12th with a time of 1:29.17.

Brian Schell did better than he had ever done and moved up a few places," said Cripps.

Other solid performances were given by Murray, despite being ill, in the mile and he finished 23rd with a time of 5:01.44. Senior Matt Dorothy also finished off a respectable career in the shot-put.

"We didn't know if Chris was going to be able to be there or not

because Friday he woke up with a temperature of 102, he was four seconds slower than he'd run before, and then he had to come back in the relay again," said Cripps. "Last year in the CAL [Championship Meet], he just barely got into it and finished last. This year he finished first - so he's looking forward to next year."

Gustin, as well as his three running mates on the 4x800 relay team, will participate in the All-State Meet on Saturday morning beginning at 9:30 at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury. The top 20 runners (or relay teams) from the entire state compete. The top four in each event advance to the following Friday night for the New England competition, also to be held at the RLC.

Siobhan Walsh contributed to this report.

Gustin just bustin to all-state meet

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Jason Gustin doesn't need to prove anything. He has a long list of accomplishments between track and soccer during his days at Wilmington High School.

That said, Saturday morning's performances were just two more to add on to this repertoire. And once, they were two gutsy finishes by a pretty talented and very down to Earth young gentleman.

Gustin finished in second place in the 1,000 meter run at the Class C State Track and Field Championship Meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury. He finished six seconds behind the front runner Nick Goodman of Watertown, but Gustin's strong kick enabled him to pass a few runners to take a very respectable

second place.

"In the 1,000, Jason Gustin went in there with in there seeded tenth and finished second," said Cripps. "He did his best time. I have tremendous amount of confidence in him."

Gustin also added a strong leg as part of the fifth place 4x800 relay team which combined to finish at 8:47.68.

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with them."

Gustin had tough competition in the 1,000 race. Goodman jetted to a very comfortable 25 yard lead or so midway through the race and after that, Gustin was able to cool off everyone else's jets to take the runner-up prize, advancing him as one of the top 20 runners in the entire state in this Saturday's All-State Meet.

"The second lap into the race, I was like 'wow we are all going at an unbelievable pace'. Around the third lap I felt that the fast pace and I was going at a much slower one," explained Gustin. "Everyone else started off so fast, so those first two laps were a killer just to keep up with them. I was out in the third lane in the first and second laps and there was no way I could move in. There was no possible way I could move faster (and past them on the inside). So I just waited it out."

He waited cautiously, and alertly made his move at the right time.

"Around the end of the third lap, I was able to move inside and at that time [Goodman] was only about five yards ahead and I was with the Stoneham runner [Brian Vatcher, who finished third]. And I was like 'OK this is good'. Coming into the second to last lap I noticed [Goodman] was way ahead of all of us and I was like 'OK first place is yours' and then I knew it would be a battle for second and third place."

"Coming into the last lap, another kid passed me and I was down to fourth place and I knew that wasn't good. He fell back and then it was just me and [Vatcher] down the stretch. I knew I had it at the end because when I passed him he said 'oh [no]' and then I knew that was a good sign."

The good signs continued for Gustin, as he Chris Murray, Brian Schell and Shayne Gaffney combined for a fifth place finish in the 4x800 relay race. They combined to finish at 8:47.68, which qualifies them for the All-State Meet.

For Gustin, that means another week of competing and another week to add to his resume.

Siobhan L. Walsh contributed to this report.

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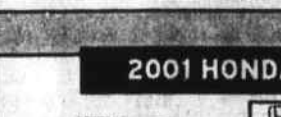
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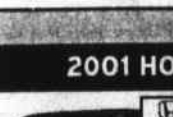
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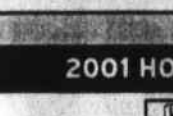
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Another big weekend for wrestlers

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of heartbreaking losses and had those been wins, we might have had a chance to win it."

Wilmington sent three grapplers to the finals, with two of them coming out as individual champions. Senior Derek Hanley became the first ever three-time sectional champion to ever go through the program. He pinned Peter Dow of Marblehead right before the final buzzer in the third period to be crowned the winner.

He won all four of his matches, three coming via pin.

Senior Roman Walsh "finally got the monkey off his back" as he defeated Minuteman Tech's Ryan McCormick, 3-0 in the finals to also be crowned a sectional champion. He had lost in the finals in each of the previous two seasons.

Senior co-captain Jordan Weiner lost 11-6 in the final match to take second place.

Six other wrestlers placed

within the top six and all in all the team advances 9 athletes to this weekend's Division 3 state meet to be held Friday and Saturday at Burlington High.

Senior Phil O'Brien finished third in the 215-pound division. At 140 pounds, sophomore Mike St. Aubin "wrestled his heart out" as he bumped up two weight classes to take fifth place at 140 pounds. Junior Dave Paris swiped a fourth also at 152 pounds as he had a terrific tournament.

At 119 pounds Cory Calway bounced back from injuries and was beating his opponent handily in the battle for third and fourth place in the 119 pound division. Calway ended up getting slammed on the mat and got a concussion out of it except he was pinned right after the slam as the referee didn't realize the injury. Pimental said take the injury away and Calway easily won the match. He ended up with fourth place and he too will advance to Saturday's competition.

At 112 pounds, sophomore Tim Sughrue did extremely well taking fourth place. He lost a tough double overtime match to a kid who pinned him twice before this season, thus that shows how far Sughrue has come this season.

Finally at 103, freshman Mike Sorrentino finished sixth and he'll be an alternate for the state meet.

Evan Walsh, Nick Manent, Matt Gennetti and Kenny Luongo all picked up a win as they also competed with solid efforts.

"Everyone won at least one match so that shows how well we did," said Pimental. "I'm not putting any expectations on this weekend, but before I used to be nervous about the meets and now I'm excited because everything that is happening. We're bringing nine guys to the meet and if they all wrestled like they did this past weekend, we'll definitely be right in the mix of the top teams."

The state meet begins Friday afternoon ends shortly into the evening before resuming Saturday morning and lasting all day. The final matches have been moved up to 6 PM.

Squirt A's face off against Newburyport

On Sunday February 16th the Wilmington Squirt A Wildcats took on the Newburyport Squirt A team at Ristuccia in Valley League action. Wilmington and Newburyport played once earlier this year and skated to draw 2-2.

The first period started with Newburyport storming the Wilmington end with numerous quality scoring chances. Wilmington goalie Tyler Stillings amazingly held Newburyport off the board for the entire first period setting up an interesting second period.

The second period started the same way the first period ended with Newburyport taking it to the Cats. However, Newburyport started to convert on their chances when Ryan Cutter scored early in the second period on a rebound goal giving Newburyport a 1-0 lead. Ryan liked the feeling so much he scored again about three minutes later on another rebound goal making the score 2-0.

Sean Hickman from Newburyport made it 3-0 with a redirect from the slot. Not to be out done Newburyport's Sam Romano scored a similar goal standing alone in the slot having lunch making the score 4-0. Ryan Cutter then connected for the Hat Trick when he scored again for the third time in about eight minutes rounding out the scoring at 5-0 Newburyport after two periods. The rout was officially on...

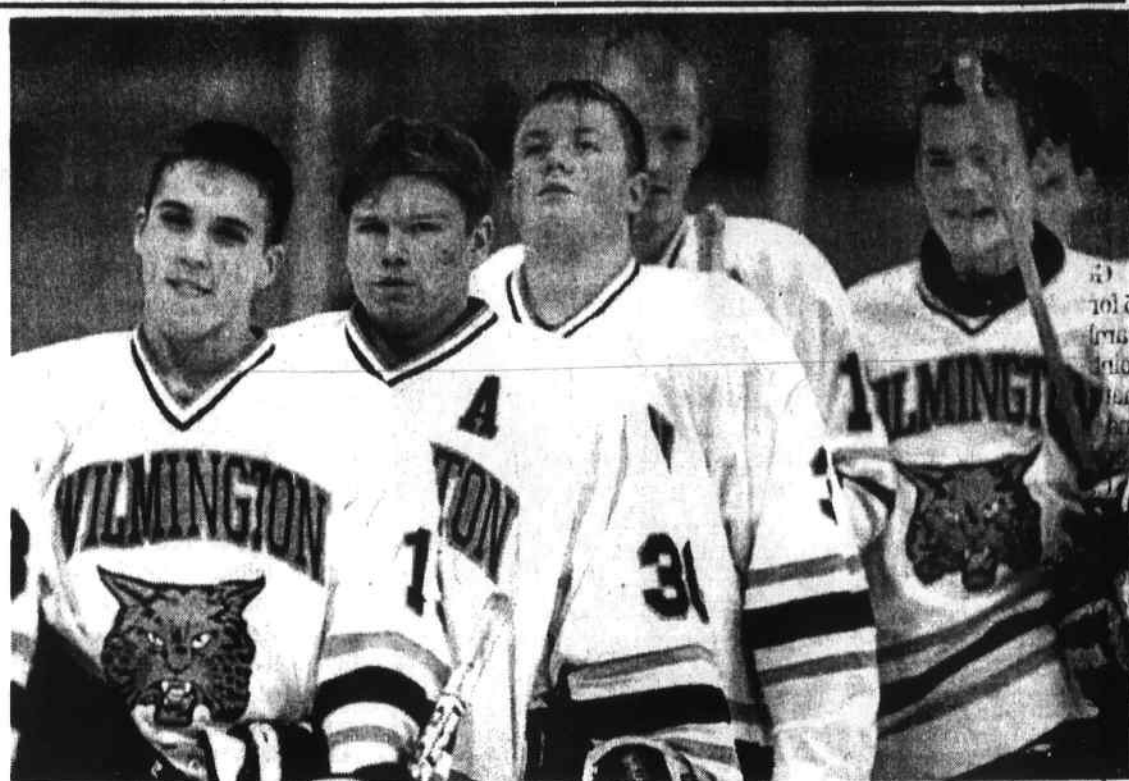
In the third period the Cat's started to play better but the damage was done! Wilmington forwards Patrick Boudreau, Sean Keane, Brian Fitzpatrick, Peter Leighton, Brett Kidik, and Matt Lariffarello began to get shots through to the Newburyport goalie.

The third period resembled the earlier game this year between Wilmington and Newburyport when they both skated hard and exchanged scoring chances. The Wilmington defense of Danny Cushing, Kyle Creedon, Brandon O'Brien and Brian Hurley made sure that Newburyport would not score again on this day! Peter Leighton scored late for Wilmington ruining the shutout bid for Newburyport. Peter's goal was assisted by Danny Cushing and Brian Fitzpatrick.

The final score was 5-1 Newburyport and the score could have been much worse!

It should be noted that Wilmington had not played a game in almost two weeks and the rust was evident. The Cat's were missing some of their best players Chris Robertson, Kevin Barry and Jeffrey Harris.

The Squirt A team would like to thank their generous sponsor Focaccia's Restaurant and the dedicated Squirt A coaches who give up their time to help make a difference.



SALUTING THE FLAG! The Wilmington High boys ice hockey team needs one win in their last three games to qualify for the state tournament. From left to right: Tony Resendes, Paul Sferazza, Ray Bennett, Greg Buck and Andy Berian would like nothing better than to see that happen. (photo by Jessica Styles).

Wildcat sports round-up

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

The Wilmington High boys hockey team inched closer to qualifying for the Division 2 state tournament with a pair of victories this past week. The team now needs to win one of its final three games to make it to the tourney for the ninth straight season.

On Wednesday night, Wilmington handed Newburyport a 2-1 defeat at the Graf Arena. The game was filled with penalties and misconducts and that seemed to take a lot out of the action.

Junior goalie Andy Berian made 34 saves, including 19 in the third period and seven in the final 90 seconds when the Clippers pulled their goaltender for the extra skater. Ed Tucker scored the first goal at the 8:07 mark of the first period.

Dave DeMango netted the game-winner on the power play midway through the second period. Newburyport outshot Wilmington 20-3 in the third period, but the lead in half with a power play goal.

Tony Resendes, Derek Montalto and Kevin Tobin all contributed in the offense with an assist.

On Saturday, Wilmington hosted Nauset Regional in their last home game of the season and they trounced their opponent, 7-1. Nauset had trouble arriving to Wilmington from the Cape because of bus troubles, however, they still managed to arrive but the Cats were all over them from beginning to end playing in one of their better games of the season at the Ristuccia Exposition Center.

"This was a good week," said

coach Steve Scanlon. "We needed the four points and that's what we got. Now we need one win in the final three games."

Against Nauset, sophomore Ed Tucker had a huge game scoring three goals and adding three assists. Dave Griffin scored his first varsity goal, while, Dan Delrossi had two helpers, his first on the Big Club. Defenseman Derek Montalto also jumped into the offense with two goals, one on the power play and another on a quick shot from inside the blue line.

Wilmington's non-league game against Tyngsboro was postponed on Monday due to the snow storm. It's being made up Thursday afternoon at 1 PM. Wilmington finishes out its regular season with three games in four days, with Tewksbury on Wednesday, Tyngsboro on Thursday and either Newburyport or Haverhill on Friday, depending on the outcome of the first round of the annual Newburyport tournament against Tyngsboro.

Senior goaltender Paul Sferazza was selected to the Cape Ann League All-Conference team.

Girls Hockey defeats Lions

For the first time in program history, the Lady Cats won back-to-back games as they iced the Chelmsford Lions, 4-1, last Wednesday night.

Tiffany Zolt broke a 1-1 tie with a pair of late second-period goals four minutes apart to lead the way offensively for the Cats.

Maria Tucker got the Wildcats (3-9-4) on the board in the first

period, but Chelmsford tied the game up on a goal by Michelle Crotty. Zolt added her two second period goals and Katie Martell put the game away netting the team's fourth and final goal just 1:27 into the third period.

Zolt, Tucker, Katelyn Lynch, Jen Corcoran, Kerri Porter and Jackie Moran all picked up single helpers.

Sophomore goalie Julie Martell made nine saves as the Cats outshot the Lions, 20-10.

Girls Hoop eliminated

Needing three wins in its final three games to qualify for the Division 3 state tournament, the Wilmington High girls' basketball team was eliminated from post season play with a 37-27 loss to Georgetown last Thursday night.

Wilmington led 19-16 at halftime but played sub-par in the second half as they were outscored 21-8 which led to the ten point loss. The Cats fell to 7-11 on the season, while, Georgetown improved to 12-8.

Senior tri-captain Kerri Gillespie led the way offensively as she scored 10 points and added 15 rebounds. Bryanna Moroney also contributed with 8 points and 11 rebounds, but thereafter, the Cats got just 9 points from the rest of the team including five from sophomore guard Lani Cabral-Pini.

The Cats couldn't hold off Georgetown's Meghan O'Connor, who had a game high of 19 points.

Wilmington finished its season, with two non-league games with Dracut on Wednesday night, and Tewksbury at home on Thursday night.

Pee Wee C's keep streak alive

The Wilmington Pee Wee C's, sponsored by Brother's Pizza, extended their unbeaten streak to five games with a big 9-2 Dual State victory over Winchester last Saturday at Tyngsboro. The Wildcats have come on strong of late going 3-0-2 against some of the top teams in Dual State and the Valley League. In those games they have outscored their opponents 24-7.

To score nine goals against Winchester was especially pleasing since it was the Sachems who had shutout Wilmington on two previous occasions. The Wildcats were not going to allow that to happen again and they showed their determination as they scored forty-four seconds into the game. Steve Wamboldt passed across the front to Ryan Kennedy. Kennedy dropped the puck back to Stephano Santini. Santini moved in and fired, beating the Winchester goalie. Sixteen seconds later the line of Chris Thibault, Kevin Carter, and Alan-Michael Santos rushed in right after the face-off. Carter saw Santos open in front and slid the puck over to him. Santos netted it and the Wildcats were up 2-0 after one minute of play.

Wilmington once again displayed strong skating in this game. They kept Winchester from getting back into the game with solid backchecking. Thibault got back on a couple of shifts to strip the puck from Winchester forwards. Carter and Wamboldt hustled back on individual plays to aid the defense. The Wildcats also demonstrated a steady forechecking game as Phil D'Arcangelo, Scott Benard, and Dom McCann pressured the Sachem defense in deep and kept them from breaking out.

As the period was about to end, McCann sent Benard in on a break

and he was tripped up on the play. The buzzer rang to end the period however before they could recoup. The defense was very reliable throughout the game. Jared Hayes, Paul Martell, Brendan Foley, and Charles Barbaro all exhibited their defensive skills with steals, breakups, and forcing the play wide. They also played extremely well at the points, keeping the puck in and setting up their forwards.

The 2nd period started very similar to the 1st when at 11:42 Santini got off a shot after he won a face-off in the Winchester end. The goaltender made the save but the rebound came directly out to Wamboldt and he ripped it into the net for a 3-0 lead. Fourteen seconds later Santini was on the side of the net and passed out to Kennedy in front. Kennedy's backhand found it's way in for Wilmington's fourth goal. At 10:22 Kennedy lofted a screen shot from about twenty feet out for his second goal and a 5-0 Wilmington lead.

The Wildcats had just killed off a penalty in which goaltender Zach Rosa was called on to make several saves when Winchester struck. With three Sachems left alone on front, Rosa made a stop but a forward shot in the rebound at 6:50 to get them on the board. That goal didn't deter the Wildcats as they continued to pressure the Winchester defense. Thibault, Santos, and Carter made some fine passes and got off some hard shots which the netminder stopped but one he wasn't able to block got through at 3:49. Hayes had sent Carter up the right side. Carter's long shot floated in and Wilmington was up 6-1.

Wilmington wasn't through

scoring in the 2nd period as Wamboldt, from left corner, found Santini in front and he scored his second goal at 1:33. Before the period would end, Winchester got a breakout but the quick stick of Rosa blocked the shot and kept the score at 7-1.

Once again, the Wildcats started a period off with a quick score. At 11:34 of the 3rd period, Barbaro stole the puck along the boards and got it up to D'Arcangelo. D'Arcangelo broke in and scored to make it 8-1. Barbaro moved up to play forward in the 3rd period and showed he can be a playmaker as well as a solid defenseman.

Rosa made two more tough saves just before Winchester went on another powerplay. While killing off the penalty, D'Arcangelo got back and took the body to stop a Winchester forward who was barreling toward the net. Wilmington got their final goal at 5:19 when Kennedy and Santini combined to get the puck to Wamboldt. Wamboldt's shot from the far left side gave him his second goal of the game giving each member of that line two goals a piece.

With only about five seconds left in the game Winchester broke in and got a hard shot past Rosa to make the final score 9-2 but the Wildcats got a well earned victory and stayed in the chase for a playoff spot in the very competitive Northeast Division of the Dual State League. Ten teams out of the eleven team league still have a legitimate shot at finishing in the top four playoff spots.

The Pee Wee C's will be busy this week with Valley League games on Thursday morning against Methuen and Saturday evening against 1st place Billerica. Both games will take place at the Ristuccia Center.

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Georgetown edges out Miami in Big East game

Big East
Georgetown defeated Miami 28-15 for guest coaches Joe and Andy Bamberg. Dan Cushing scored 10 points for Georgetown, while teammate Mark Scillari chipped in six and Brady Detwiler and Marty Bamberg scored four apiece.

Cameron Shepard, Eric Murray and Matt Bocchino dished out a number of key assists for the Hoyas. Brendan Fullerton, Nick Pope and Sean Sullivan led the Miami scoring attack. Ryan Malone and William McGrath also played an inspired game for the Hurricanes.

Providence 27, St. John's 19
Andrew Companeschi notched 10 points, Jeff Kannally added six and Dave Melkonian scored four for the victors. Friar players Ryan Pennie, Keegan Farnham and Tim Kent were immense on defense.

The Red Storm was led by Jon Rizzo with eight points, followed by Steve Souza with four and Evan Butters with three. Pat Enwright and Sean Keane also played a great all-around game for St. John's.

Villanova 37, Syracuse 18
Tyler Whalen exploded for 22 points, while Ryan Derian scored six more for the Wildcats. Sean Furlong, Scott Madaglia and Cody White also added huge hoops for the victors. Tim Woodland notched eight points and Ian Sullivan added six for the Orangemen. James Marra, Dennis Landry and James Magnarelli contributed several assists for Syracuse.

Boston College 20, Notre Dame 19
Tyler Valente and Nolan Giroux led the balanced scoring attack for the victors with six apiece while Ronnie DiTullio, Caleb Rogers, Tom Valente and Brendan Sweeney also notched key hoops.

Nick Boutoures scored seven points while Josh Townsend and Tim Patrie added four apiece in a valiant effort for the Fighting Irish. Mike Kelley, Lance Flaherty, Kevin Flaherty and Matt Celeste all played good, aggressive defense for Notre Dame.

NBA
Knicks 81, Bulls 66
Greg Stewart and Mike Auciello scored 22 apiece while Jared Nims added 17 for the torrid Knicks. Pat Ryan also chipped in with 10 points, Dari Reed added eight and Jon Chirichiello scored six for the victors.

Steve Potchner scored 29 points, Anthony Hogan added 10 and Ryan Dooley added seven for the scrappy Bulls.

Lakers 51, Wizards 50
Derek Concannon scored 17 points, Mike Fogarty scored 10 and Mike Hayes added seven for the Lakers. Jerry Smith and Josh Giroux also knocked down some important shots for the victors.

All the Wizard players played a great game with Dan Kline distinguishing himself with some very important buckets in a hard fought battle that came down to the wire.

Nets 63, Grizzlies 56
Jeff Youngclaus scored 15 points, Peter Rastellini added 12 and Brian Sullivan added six for the victors. Nick Underwood also contributed on offense for the Nets with some key hoops. Zach Mayo scored 11 points, Tom Miele tossed in 16 and Tim Ryan added 10 for the gutsy Grizzlies.

Nick Hogan, Greg Cirone and Chris Caiazzo ruled the boards for the Grizzlies.

Cavaliers 35, Celtics 34
Joe DiMare notched 12 points and Patrick Schultz scored seven for the Cavs. Josh Mayo earned 10 points, Tim Kent added seven and Mike Frizzore added six points for the hard-working Celts.

Scott Konieczka, Brendan DeMarino, Jon Tranfaglia and Jon Bishop dished out some key assists for the Green.

3rd grade boys
Wisconsin 22, Illinois 13
Wisconsin was led in scoring by E.J. Boggia, Tim McCarthy and Kyle Peach with six points each, and Colin McGuire added four. Zach Curley led Wisconsin defense.

Illinois was led in scoring by Steven Reynold with four points, Toriy Haddad, three, James Mara, Justin Bleier and Dan Pothier all scored two points.

Penn State 24, Michigan 15
Penn State was led in scoring by Brenton Bockus with six points, Thomas See with five, Ryan Bradley and Dan Keane with four apiece, Ken Schooran and Ryan Walsh with two apiece and Adam Oliver added one.

Cole Pepper led Michigan with eight points, Nick Whalen four points, Tom Broman two and Chris Crupi added a singleton.

Ohio State 38, Indiana 5
Ohio State was led by the hustle of Collin Arbuckle and Ryan McNeil. Leading scorers for Ohio State were Adam Burke with 10, Philip Lentini eight, Cody Cerra six, Michael Biondo, John Thompson and Zach Reed four and Stephen Petinge added two.

Indiana was led in scoring by Eddie Loud and Nicholas Cirame with two points each and Anthony Capozzi added one.

Michigan State 13, Purdue 4
Purdue was led by the hot shooting of Jimmy Welch with a career high 22 points. Jacob Russo six points, Dan D'Arcangelo five, Ken Fryer four, Joe Anderson and Kevin Burke two points each.

Michigan State was led in scoring by Kyle Albanese with eight points, Nathan Grimley four and Zach Anderson added one. Brandon Gostanian and Nicholas Casella led Michigan State in rebounding.

3rd & 4th grade girls
Xavier 10, UMass 7

Xavier was led in scoring by Lisa Capozzi with four points, Mikayla Grassia and Jessica Phelan two points each and Caitlin McDonough and Jenna Whooley added one point each.

UMass was led in scoring by Victoria Lord with three points, Paige Bennett and Emily Cranell with two points each.

Fordham 32, Rhode Island 16
Kerri Spry was too much for a tough R.I. team. Fordham was led in scoring by Kerry Spry with 18 points, Kristen Crosby six, Courtney See and Elizabeth Jaeschki each scored four points.

Rhode Island was led in scoring by Amanda Keene with eight points, Kimmie Nasiff four points and Jessica Lavin two points.

St. Joe's 21, Temple 8
St. Joe's defense led them to a big win. St. Joe's was led by Shannon Maggio with nine points, Katherine Aoki eight points, Nichole Neville and Lauren Cole added two points each.

Temple was led in scoring by Kayla Rossetti with three points, Kristen Tummino and Lauren Sullivan two points each. Christianna Greenberg led Temple on defense.

LaSalle 16,
George Washington 14
LaSalle was led in scoring by Kristina Lees and Kelly Duffy with six points each, Jennifer Stewart and Jennifer Garrard with two points each.

Courtney Collins led LaSalle on defense. G.W. was led by Stefany Mason with seven points, Meghan Stinson with five points, and Lisa Hitchins added two points.

WNBA
Mercury 18, Comets 13
In a matchup between two very talented teams, Mercury edged out the win over the Comets with the score of 18-13. Mercury came out on fire in the second half and Alyssa Bibeau came up big making three key foul shots in the second half and ending the game with seven.

Also adding to the score for Mercury were Lauren Frissore with five and Jessica Brouillard with four. Leading the offense for Comets were Natalie Melkonian with six and Ashley Pourier with three. Overall, both teams played a tremendous game and great hustle was shown on both ends of the court.

Sting 27, Fire 15
Sting shut down the Fire late in the second half as they defeated their opponent 27-15. Amanda Miles was at the top of her game as she netted 12 points to secure the victory. Teammates Erin Magee, Brittany Winchell, Colleen Magee, Stephanie Biama, and Jennifer Petinge, all added to the score, while Megan Keane and Judy Ferrara played great defense.

For the Fire, Lauren Hitchins showed some real talent as she led her team offensively with eight points. Katie Arsenault had an all around great game while Kayla Malone came up big on defense.

Liberty 32, Sparks 16
The trio of Megan Godding (12), Karla Elia (10), and Danielle Bamberg (6) were seemingly unstoppable as the three combined for a total of 28 points. Scoring the final two baskets were Caitlin Harrington and Kim Silvia.

The Sparks were led by Jill Manganelli with four, Amy Lentini, Katelyn Roberts, Katelyn Sullivan and Ashley Bruno with two points. Rebecca Roberts and Sparks controlled the defense for her team keeping it close until late in the second half.

Rockers vs Monarchs
Although the Rockers came away with the win, Stephanie Sauve of the Monarchs scored 19

points and finished the game as the high scorer. The Rockers were led by the talented duo of Ashley Vitale and Brianne Bozzella who combined for a total of 23 points.

In what was definitely one of the closest games of the day, the defense of the Rockers was the key factor in the win. Kerry Velozza and Samantha Souza led the defense for the Rockers as they set the pace for the rest of their team.

PAC 10
UCLA 24, Washington State 18

In a very good game, UCLA came out on top as they defeated Washington State 24-18. Kaitlin Foy came out shooting as she scored eight points toward the win. Teammates Danielle Polcari and Jessica Burke also added four apiece.

For Washington State, Erika Beraldi proved that she could shoot and make some long range shots as she scored 10 points and finished as the game high-scorer. Michelle Winchell and Nicole Luz contributed four points each.

Oregon 26, Oregon State 14
Oregon was on fire offensively as they scored 18 points by half-time. Jennifer Carroll led her team with eight points while Brittany Schuh had six, and Christine Ungaro had four. Lorraine Simoeau led the defense showing great hustle and pulling down some key rebounds.

For Oregon State, Ryan Mary Giroux led her team with six points, while Lisa Rooker added four, and Kayla D'Arcangelo and Kayla Davidson added two points.

California 9, Stanford 2
In a very low scoring game, California defeated Stanford 9-2. Michele White of California had four points while Leigha Carroll and Vanessa Domond each had two. Teammate Elizabeth Cranell added one point as she hit one of her two free throws.

Players on both teams showed great hustle. Julie Gorman of Stanford scored the lone basket while teammates Randy Davis and Tara Von Franken showed great defensive talent.

Arizona 23, Washington 3
Arizona came out ready to play as they defeated Washington 23-3. Great teamwork was on display by Arizona as they played both great offense and defense. The scoring for Arizona was split among three players as Amanda Church and Chelsie Babcock each scored 10, and teammate Elizabeth Chin scored 8.

For Washington the scoring was split between Colleen Kennedy's two points and Emily D'Amelio's singleton.

USC vs Arizona State
Despite the fact that Arizona played an intense game both offensively and defensively, USC came away with the win as they used their height to their advantage in order to defeat their opponent. Ali Lyman, Kayla Godding and Briana Parow each scored six points apiece, while Kelsey Sullivan scored four.

For Arizona State, Allison Robbins once again showed her speed on defense and her skill on offense as she scored four points and had six steals. Maureen Worthington scored two points while Kimberly Evans scored one.

Big 12
Texas A.M. 43, Kansas 23
Great opening day game two tough teams went at it. Ben Stukeley led Kansas with 12 points while brother Bill scored four. Mike Scola also had a great offensive game.

Texas A.M.'s Matt Capozzi had eight points and Matt Bibeau had a great offensive game also scoring eight points. Justin Cerra played great defense to secure the win.

Oklahoma 36, Texas 30
Two undefeated teams played an outstanding game. Matt Derian and J.J. Pocari both had nine points. Evan Borsetti had 10 points. George D'Amelio with five rebounds had his best game of the season. Justin Loguid had 14 points for Texas and his teammate Mike Magonelli had an outstanding game with nine points.

Iowa State 16, Kansas 49
A strong Kansas team topped Iowa State. Joe Gore led Kansas with 12 points, while Matt Brooks and Kevin Cronin chipped in 11 each. Matt Hogan played a strong defensive game to help with the win. Ben Ferry had a strong six points to lead the team. Jimmy Celeste and Lenny Colometto showed great defense.

Colorado 33, Oklahoma 16
Oklahoma displayed great heart once again in this game. Colorado came on strong to beat them. The MacIssac brothers had

a great game to secure the win. Texas Tech 32, Nebraska 23
Great close game these two teams played their hearts out. Carlton Lentini led his team with 12 points and Dylan Reed with 10. Alan Dooley also had a great game with six.

The big news of that game was Brendan Doherty put in his first two of the season. Scott Bonish led the team with 13 points.

Big 12
Baylor 40, Missouri 12

Baylor was led by Zach Fahey with 20 points, one of his best offensive games of the year. Big Bob Donoghue chipped in the seven.

Matt Kincaid and Josh Weaver played well for Missouri. Andrew Puccio netted eight easy points and Balu Vernula played strong defense.

WAC
BYU 25, Airforce 10

BYU was led again by Nick Godzyk with 12 points while Jonathan Terlagg and Adam Klein chipped in each with four points. Airforce high scorers were Andrew Spur and Greg Clarkin.

The win was a great team effort with great defense by both teams.

Utah 25, New Mexico 20
A great, close game between two equal teams. Jonathan Brondo led all scorers with eight points. Ben Levine had seven points and Chris DiCecca had five points. Brian Halas had a strong defensive game for Utah.

As for New Mexico, Vinny Scifo had seven points and Cody Peltier put in three points. It was a great, close game.

Hawaii 46, Wyoming 29
Jamie Spears had his best game of the season, scoring 33 points out of 46, while brother Johnny had a great offensive game netting six points. Mike Gracia played great defense to secure the win.

As for Wyoming who played tough. Derek Duggan had a strong

13 points and William Prince had seven points.

UNLV 17, Rice 15

It was a barn burner for the last game of the day, a two point win by UNLV. David Mello had

seven points and Jimmy Stokes had six. Both teams played great offense and defense. Mike Micalizzi had four points and Mike Amentola also had four points.



WHERE'S THE PUCK? Wilmington High sophomore Maria Tucker has been a mainstay on the girls' hockey team offensive ways this season. Here she looks to get into the play during a recent Cape North League game. (photo by Jessica Stygles).

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Eighth graders improve to 14-5 on the season

The Wilmington 8th grade boys' basketball team improved their record to 14-5 with 2 big wins last weekend, one in double overtime. The victories extend their winning streak to 11 games.

On Saturday Wilmington traveled to Pelham, New Hampshire to take on the second place Pythons. This has been a fierce rivalry for the past 4 years and this game was no different.

The Wildcats started slowly as they came out a little tight in the early going. Pelham jumped out to an early 10-2 lead. But the Wildcat's clawed back into this one. Kyle Borsetti got things going with a nice jumper from the high post. Dan Patterson hit a shot from just inside the 3-point line and John Olivere hit 2 big free throws as Wilmington closed the gap to 4 points.

Brendan DeMango and Josh Mayo worked hard defensively to shut down the Pelham 3 point attack. Chris Dancoc was huge on the boards controlling a much bigger Pelham center and adding a big put back off an offensive rebound and 2 free throws. The

Wildcats had come back from an 8 point deficit to tie this one at the half 17-17.

The second half would be another defensive battle between 2 very strong teams. Nick Duggan had 2 beautiful base line moves to put the Wildcat's up by 4. Mike Thomas played another strong game on the boards holding Pelham to just 1 shot almost every possession. But Pelham's 3-point attack started heating up in the second half. They closed the gap to just 1 point with less than 4 minutes to play. Pat Ryan hit a huge 3 pointer to put the Wildcat's up by 4.

But Pelham answered right back. Greg Stewart had 2 consecutive hoops off steals by the Wildcat's to give the boys a 5 point advantage. But Pelham answered back with 2 consecutive 3 to take a 1-point lead with less than 3 minutes to play. Tim Kent answered with a 3 pointer of his own. Pelham came back with a 2 pointer to tie things up then Kent hit another 3 and the lead was back to 3.

Pelham closed the gap to 1 on

their next possession before Rich Barry came up with a big steal that led to a Wildcat lay-up and a 3 point lead with less than a minute to go. Pelham tried to tie things up with another 3 pointer but they missed. Wilmington had a couple of chances to ice this one as Pelham was forced to foul. But the Wildcat's couldn't make their free throws and Pelham had the ball with 5 seconds to go, down 3. They needed a 3 pointer to send this to overtime and that is what they got. Pelham hit a 3 pointer from nearly mid court to send this game into an extra stanza.

Wilmington came out quickly in the 3 minute overtime as Pat Ryan and Nick Duggan hit for consecutive hoops to give Wilmington a 4-point edge. But Pelham continued to throw up their 3-point barrage. They hit a 3 pointer to close within 1. Then Rich Barry had the move of the game with a beautiful reverse lay-up to get the lead back to 3 with 20 seconds left. Pelham came right back and drained another 3 with 5 seconds to go.

Wilmington got 1 more try and

Pat Ryan nearly sank a half court shot to win it but it didn't go and this one went to double overtime.

There was very little scoring in the second overtime as defense was the story. Wilmington did a great job shutting down the 3-point attack in the second overtime. Pelham did take a 2-point lead on an inside hoop. Then Greg Stewart answered with a nice drive down the middle. That was all the scoring in the first 2:50 of double overtime. Wilmington came up with a big steal with 12 seconds to go and after a deflected ball by Pelham got the ball out of bounds under Pelham's hoop with 7 seconds to go.

The inbound play was designed to go to Tim Kent but he was covered. Dan Patterson got the ball and took the 3 pointer, which went half way in and bounced out. Nick Duggan ripped down the offensive board and kicked the ball out to Tim Kent at the 3-point line. Tim lined up and drilled the 3 pointer to win it at the buzzer 49-46.

On Sunday the boy's played away at Chelmsford. There was a little concern that there would be

a let down after the big win over Pelham. But the boy's responded to the challenge once again.

Rich Barry started the scoring with a nice put back off the offensive glass. Chelmsford hit on a couple of hoops to take the lead. Josh Mayo tied things up with a nice hoop. The key to beating Chelmsford is stopping their one big scorer. After hitting a few early buckets Wilmington went to a box and one. Greg Stewart, Kyle Borsetti, John Olivere and Josh Mayo combined to shut down their scoring threat. Wilmington began to get the offense going midway through the first half. Nick Duggan had 2 nice inside moves and Pat Ryan added an old fashioned 3-point play on a drive to the hoop and the free throw.

Tim Kent kept his outside shooting touch as he added a 3 pointer to give Wilmington a 12-point lead. But Chelmsford would battle back to close the lead to 25-19 at half-time.

It looked like this one would be close until the Wildcat's offense erupted. John Olivere led the charge with 3 straight steals and breakaway lay-ups. Brendan

DeMango hit a beautiful 3 pointer and Chris Dancoc added 2 big hoops as Wilmington went out to an 11-2 run at the beginning of the second half. Chelmsford would answer back with a couple of hoops.

Then Dan Patterson carried 2 straight 3 pointers and the Wildcats had a 20-point lead. Chelmsford would try to make a run but great defense and 2 hoops from Mike Thomas would ice this one for Wilmington 64-47.

The Wildcat's host a very strong Haverhill team on Saturday at the Middle School at 7:00.

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Shawsheen Tech Round-up

Hockey team ices Northeast Regional, 10-1

By: MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech hockey team improved their record to 10-5-2 overall and 7-1-2 within the Commonwealth Athletic Conference with a 10-1 rout of Northeast Regional in their most recent game, played last Thursday night at the Hallenborg Pavilion.

The win wrapped up the regular season for the Rams, and they will begin play in the Division 3 state tournament next week, most likely on Friday or Saturday.

The Rams were led in the game by senior wing Andrew LaCombe, who had four goals and two assists, along with sophomore wing Bob Giordano who had three goals and an assist. Tewksbury native Ron Gordon had five assists on the night, while Tewksbury's Ryan Harris had 18 saves in goal while splitting time with T.J. O'Leary who had 10 saves.

Shawsheen coach Bill Gordon, while acknowledging that Northeast may not have been at their absolute best, was very pleased with the way his team played, especially since it was their first game since falling to Tyngsboro earlier in the week in a game that knocked the Rams out of contention for the CAC championship.

"It was a good victory for us," Gordon said. "They did not have the goals they had in our last game when we beat them 5-3, so they were somewhat diminished. We put 42 shots on the kids who did play so we peppered them all night."

The offense was no doubt clicking on all cylinders for many of the Rams, but no performance was more outstanding than LaCombe, especially considering that he had missed the previous 11 days with pneumonia.

"We were hoping to just spot him on the power play, but he said he felt fine and he was able to take a regular shift," Gordon said. "We played four lines so that diminished his playing time somewhat, but it kept his legs fresh and he played a great game."

Ron Gordon also continues to play well down the stretch. Just a sophomore Gordon has 20 points on the season, and coach Gordon (no relation) says that Ron has made himself the player he is today.

"He is a kid who loves to play hockey and he takes the game very seriously," coach Gordon said. "This is his first year of varsity hockey and he has made enormous strides. He keeps getting better and better and better. And that is a testament to his hard work and love of the game."

The Rams rolled to victory despite the absence of two of their key players. Sophomore wing Cory Daniels and sophomore defenseman Bryan Dulong were both ejected in the loss to Tyngsboro last Tuesday and were suspended by the league for two games. Initially, though not good news, this did not appear to be much more than a bump in the road for the Rams.

The playoffs were already secured, and the last two games of the season, against Northeast and Westford Academy while not mean-

ingless, would not have much impact on the season either way.

That was the plan until Mother Nature intervened and caused the cancellation of the Rams scheduled season finale this Tuesday against Westford Academy.

Now Daniels and Dulong must serve the second games of their suspensions in the first round of the state tournament.

"It puts us in a tough situation, but it was Westford's decision to call the game and there is nothing we can do about it," Gordon said. "We will just have to do the best we can with the players we have."

As for the tournament, Gordon is confident his team will be successful despite being hampered by the loss of two key players. One of their goals this season was to win the CAC, and that goal eluded them with the loss to Tyngsboro. Of course there was great disappointment immediately after the loss, but Gordon says his team has been able to refocus rather quickly and focus on the next task at hand, which is winning some tournament games.

"We sometimes forget that they are only teenagers," Gordon said of his players. "They are more resilient than their coaches sometimes. Being young like that insulates them from letting it linger. That is one of the things that make coaching high school so special."

Four members of the Rams will play in the CAC All-Star game on Saturday at 4:30 at the Chelmsford Forum. Senior defenseman Jeff Paquette, LaCombe, Giordano and Dulong will all represent Shawsheen in the game. Paquette was also recently awarded the Seimos Trophy for MVP Defenseman of the CAC.

"Winning that award is a great honor for Jeff," Gordon said. "He is a great student, great player and a great human being. He's just a real pleasure to have on your team."

Swimming

The Shawsheen Tech swimming team wrapped up their regular season with consecutive wins over Minuteman and Lynn Tech. Against Minuteman the Rams came out on top by a score of 98-82. Sophomore Pat Compenschi of Wilmington won two events, the 200 meter individual

medley in a time of 2:36.81 and the 500 meter freestyle in 6:15.13.

Andrea Gomez of Wilmington won the 100 meter backstroke in a time of 1:13.42, while Dave Misenor won the 50 meter freestyle and the 200 meter freestyle relay team of Glenn Bauer, J.P. O'Connor, Mike Goyette and Misenor was also victorious.

Against Lynn Tech the Rams came out on top by a score of 98-83, with Compenschi once again winning his event, this time the 100 meter breaststroke. Gomez won the 100 meter backstroke in a time of 1:16.42 and was also part of the winning team in the 400 meter freestyle relay along with O'Connor, Misenor and Goyette. Gomez performance in these meets and all season has impressed her coach, Terry Bradley.

"Andrea has been outstanding," Bradley said. "I can put her in any event and she will do well. She is very versatile and is very willing to do whatever it takes to help the team."

The Rams finished their season with a record of 6-5, somewhat of a step down from their 9-1-1 mark of last season, but with a team filled with talented sophomores and freshmen, Bradley knows that this team's best days still lie ahead of them.

"I think the future is definitely bright for this team," Bradley said. "Every time out this year we have gotten better and better. We definitely improved as they ear went on."

Along with Compenschi and Gomez who will be the key cogs in the wheel as the Rams continue to rebuild, there are several other talented young swimmers and divers that Bradley can count on next year.

Sophomores Brian Baptista and Eric Doyle, who compete in the 50 meter freestyle along with the 200 and 400 meter freestyle relays, along with freshmen Lauren Goyette and Caitlin Harmon will likely be key contributors next year. Sophomore diver Melissa Tello of Wilmington will also be counted on heavily.

There is certainly talent coming back, but Bradley points out that talent alone will not get the job done for the Rams. The returning competitors must also work hard to improve.

"It is all in what you put into practice," Bradley said. "I have given the divers the name of a div-

ing coach to work with all summer, and the swimmers need to work on their own. Of course I am always around to help, so there is no reason not to work hard to get ready for next year."

Girls Basketball

The Shawsheen Tech girls basketball team wrapped up their first Commonwealth Athletic Conference Upper Division title since 1997 with a 54-33 home win over North Shore Regional on Monday afternoon. The game, originally scheduled for Tuesday afternoon was moved up a day due to the inclement weather, and the date change did not seem to bother the Rams at all who improved their record to 18-1 overall and 14-1 in the CAC with the win.

The Rams were led by Wilmington's Ashley Morgado's 14 points along with 10 points each from Mandy MacDonald and Wilmington's Kristen Porfido. Tewksbury's Jenn Elwell had six points. The Rams led 39-18 at the half and coasted the rest of the way.

There were a couple of jittery moments in the very early going for the Lady Rams. North Shore took a 5-0 lead about a minute into the game, causing Shawsheen coach Bill Ritchie to call a timeout to settle his team down.

"We knew we needed this game, and wouldn't you know it they come out and take a 5-0 lead on us," Ritchie said. "We knew what we were playing for and it was probably my fault they were a little tight. I just told them to play like champions because that's what they are. And they did play like champions."

There's not much doubt about that. After the Lady Rams proceeded to run all over North Shore for the next several minutes and when the dust had settled a 5-0 deficit had turned into a 31-9 lead for

Shawsheen.

"From that early point on we played very well," Ritchie said. "Everyone was hitting. It was all flowing."

Winning the CAC title was a goal of the Lady Rams at the start of the year.

Not many outside their locker room may have believed they could actually accomplish the feat, but now that they have done it, they can enjoy the moment.

"The kids are just ecstatic," Ritchie said. "Nobody else thought we would beat Tyngsboro this year."

Winning the league crown was made all the more sweet due to the way the Lady Rams were scheduled to close out their season. Wednesday night, they traveled to Tyngsboro for the regular season finale, a game that looked up until this like it would decide the league title. Tyngsboro, however, lost two games over the weekend, knocking them out of title contention.

Although results of Wednesday's game were not available as of press time, as Ritchie proudly pointed out, it hardly mattered what the results of the game were.

"Our kids are thrilled to be going to Tyngsboro with nothing on the line," Ritchie said. "They can walk into that gym on Wednesday feeling like queens of the prom."

The game also did not mean anything as far as the Lady Rams seeding for the Division 4 North state tournament. Mount Alvernia will be the number one seed and Shawsheen will be number two, win or lose on Wednesday night. As a result, the Lady Rams will get a first round by and host the winner of the seventh seed/10th seed game, which looks as if it will be between

Savio Prep and Georgetown.

It is the same position the Lady Rams were in last year and they lost their second round game to seventh seeded St. Mary's of Lynn, who went on to win the state title.

Once again, being the second seed is not an automatic ticket to the semi-finals. Savio Prep advanced all the way to the North finals last year, while Georgetown advanced to the semi-finals.

"I have seen all of the teams play and these are the two best teams in the tournament other than us," Ritchie said. "We will have a tough game in the first round, but I feel like if we get out of the first round we have a good shot going to the FleetCenter."

Before the state tournament starts, likely next Thursday or Friday for the Shawsheen, the Lady Rams will host at least one game and likely two in the state Vocational Tournament. They were originally scheduled to host a first round game against Greater Lowell, the only team to defeat them all year, on Thursday at 4:00.

Due to a scheduling conflict for Greater Lowell, the Lady Rams may instead host another opponent in Thursday's first round, or the game against Greater Lowell could be moved to Friday at 4:00. If the Lady Rams win their first round game, they will also host the championship game, which will be either Friday or Saturday at 4:00, depending on when the first round game is actually played.

Got that?

Either way, Shawsheen will likely have about a week off before hosting a second round tournament game late next week.

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Selectmen will hold public hearing, as part of their regularly scheduled meeting on March 10, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington on the street to be accepted at the April 26, 2003 Annual Town Meeting under proposed Warrant Article #20. The street is as follows: Mill Road.

Robert J. Cain,
Chairman
F19;3169 Board of Selectmen

feet from the front yard lot line proposing a second floor addition and a 5'6"x7'6" addition to the front, 9.3' from the front lot line) for property located on 119 Nichols Street. Map 36 parcel 86+.

Case 17-2003

Renee Marchand & Denise Shanning seeking a determination by the Board under Sec. 6.1.2.1 of the Wilmington Zoning Bylaw that a proposed alteration to a nonconforming structure does not increase any portion (s) of the nonconforming nature of the existing structure (existing dwelling is within the front yard setback-proposing a 16'x14' addition meeting the setback requirements) for property located on 68 Lowell Street. Map 40 Parcel 154.

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Michael Welch, Quality Additions seeking a determination by The Board under Sec. 6.1.2.1 of the Wilmington Zoning Bylaw that a proposed alteration to a nonconforming structure does not increase any portion(s) of the nonconforming nature of the existing structure (existing dwelling is within front yard setback-proposing a 1'x1' 2-story addition off the side, a deck and 2-story addition no closer to the lot lines than the existing dwelling) for property located on 19 Washington Avenue. Map 43 Parcel 34.

Case 19-2003

Robert and Elaine Ferrera seeking a determination by The Board under Sec. 6.1.2.1 of the Wilmington Zoning Bylaw that a proposed alteration to a nonconforming structure does not increase any portion (s) of the nonconforming nature of the existing structure (existing dwelling is within the front and side yard setbacks-proposing a deck to the rear meeting the setback requirements) for property located on 2 Phillips Avenue. Map 44 parcel 92.

Wilmington
F12,19;3159 Board of Appeals

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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2003, at 7:45 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on the town's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) filing. This is a five (5) year plan for successfully dealing with stormwater runoff throughout the town.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Kevin Anderson
Chairman
F19;3170 Board of Selectmen

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on March 4, 2003 at 8:00 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887. Said property is located at 388 Main Street Rear and Church Street and shown as Assessor's Map 42 Parcel 15. This application is for a special permit for 14 town house style condominiums and one office building in the Central Business District. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall; and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair
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BOARD OF APPEALS
999 Whipple Road

A Public Hearing will be held at the Tewksbury Town Hall on Thursday, February 27, 2003 beginning at 7:35 P.M. on the following applications:

LEGAL NOTICE

7:35 P.M. Mark and Shaine Sironi for a variance from the Zoning Bylaw, Section 3640, Appendix B and for a Special Permit under Section 3651 of the Zoning Bylaw to construct a proposed addition to the existing dwelling. Premises located at 9 Benson Road, Assessor's Map 93, Lot 1, zoned Residential.

7:40 P.M. James Cann under Chapter 40A, Section 8 of the Zoning Act, as a party aggrieved for review of a decision made by the Building Inspector and/or other authorities. Premises located at 78 Maple Road, Assessor's Map 69, Lot 76, zoned Residential.

7:45 P.M. Robert and Robin Gill for a variance from the Zoning Bylaw, Section 4130, Appendix B and for a Special Permit under Section 3651 of the Zoning Bylaw for a proposed addition to the existing dwelling. Premises located at 51

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY
COURT DEPARTMENT
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 03P0425EP1

In the Estate of Robert J. Grossi Late of Wilmington In the County of Middlesex Date of Death January 6, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been represented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that Mark T. Bryan of Burlington in the County of Middlesex be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on March 18, 2003.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, ESQUIRE, Acting First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, February 11, 2003.

John R. Buonomo
Register of Probate
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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY
COURT DEPARTMENT
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 03P0005GH1

In the Matter of Ernest Frobes of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR MENTALLY ILL PERSON

To Ernest Frobes of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex and his heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition as amended has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said Ernest Frobes of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex is a mentally ill person and praying that Richard Bevins of Andover in the County of Essex or some other suitable person be appointed guardian, to serve without surety of the person - with the authority to administer antipsychotic medications in accordance with the treatment plan - with the authority to consent to customary and usual medical treatment.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on May 8, 2003.

WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, ESQUIRE, Acting First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, February 12, 2003.

John R. Buonomo
Register of Probate
F19;3168

Pringle Street, Assessor's Map 97, Lot 28, zoned Residential.

7:50 P.M. Hillman Realty Trust for a variance from the Zoning Bylaw, Sections 4130, 5170 and 5414(a) to construct a 13,200 square foot industrial building with associated parking and utility services. Premises located at 90 Washington Street, Assessor's Map 49, Lots 5 and 6, zoned Heavy Industrial.

7:55 P.M. Elinor Haines for a variance from the Zoning Bylaw, Section 4130, Appendix B to construct a single family dwelling. Premises located on Wamest Road and Algonquin Drive, Assessor's Map 98, Lot 36, zoned Residential.

8:00 P.M. Luigi Colucciello for a variance from the Zoning Bylaw, Section 5414(a), open space landscaping, screening and buffer requirements to use the fenced area to store masonry supplies. Premises located at 1585 Shawsheen Street, Assessor's Map 112, Lot 75, zoned Heavy Industrial.

8:05 P.M. David and Karen Morin for a Special Permit under Section 3651 of the Zoning Bylaw to change the existing open deck to an enclosed three season room. Premises located at 41 McLaren Road, Assessor's Map 95, Lot 70, zoned Residential.

8:10 P.M. Margaret M. Bowley, Trustee, Bowley Realty Trust for a variance from the Zoning Bylaw, Section 4130 to construct a new single family dwelling. Premises located on Kingston Road, Assessor's Map 103, Lot 68, zoned Residential.

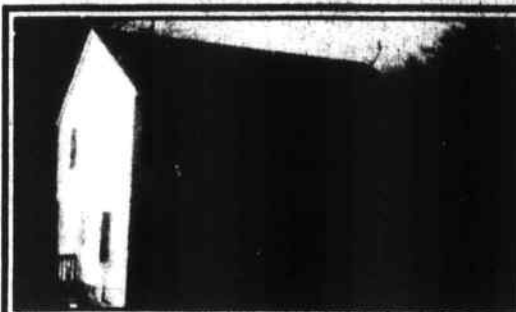
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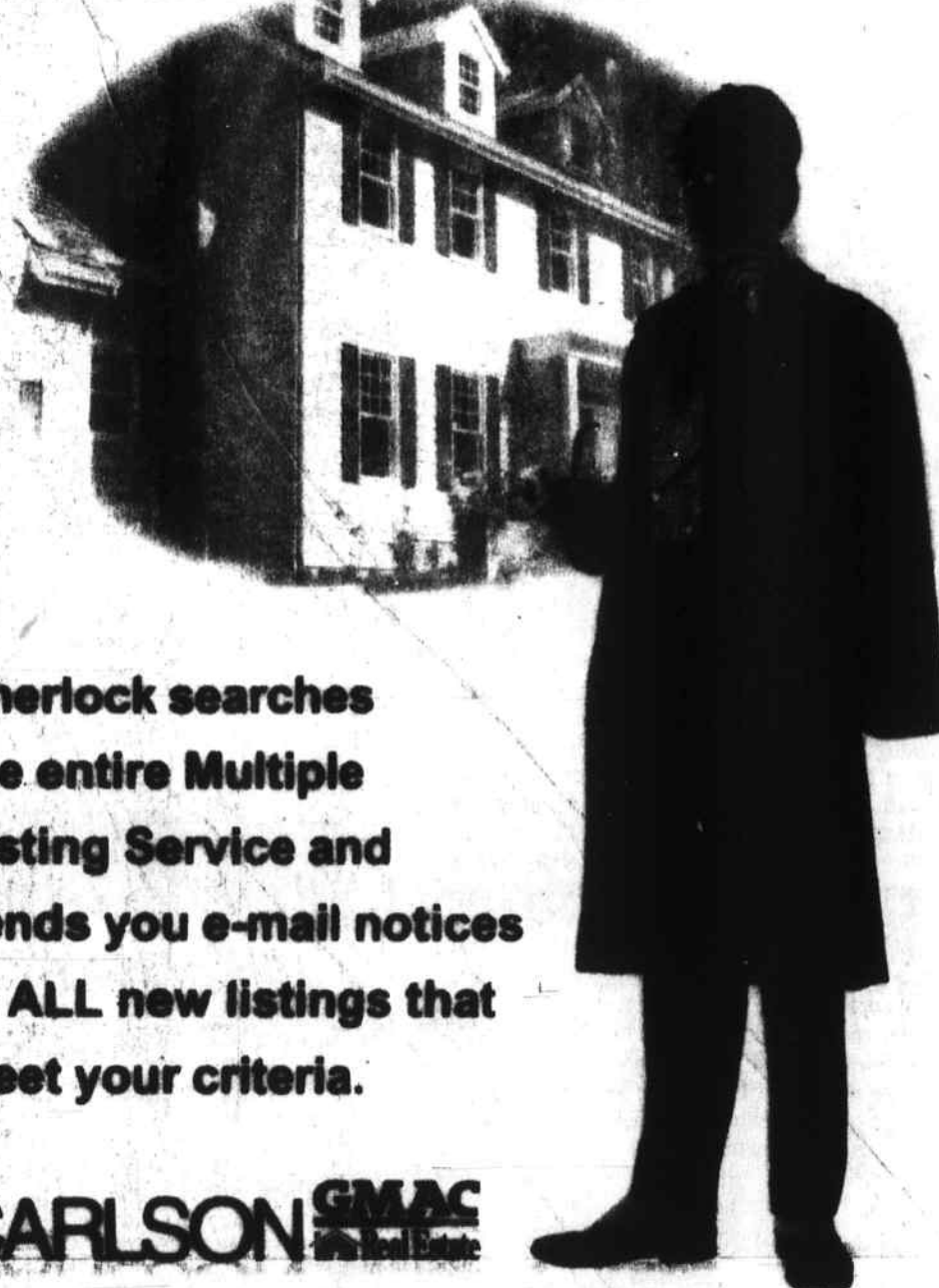


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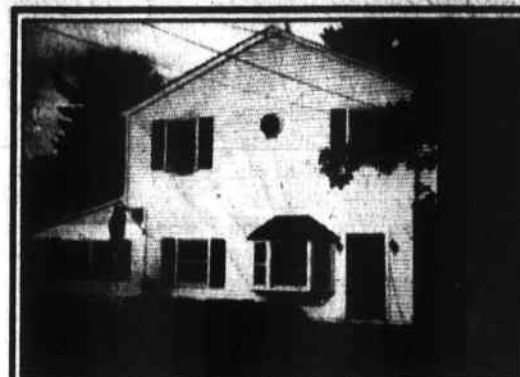
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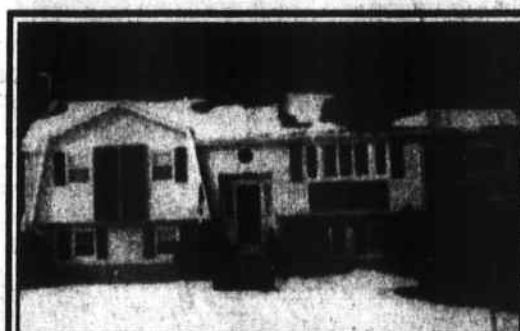
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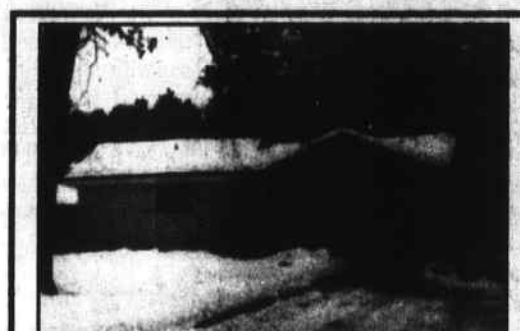
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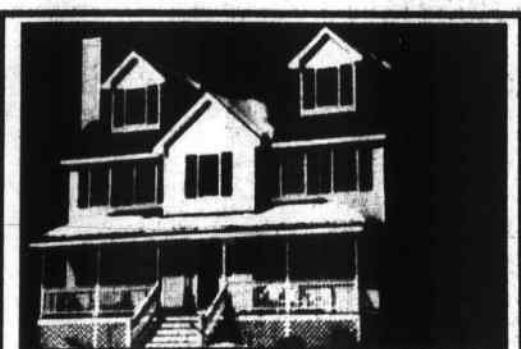
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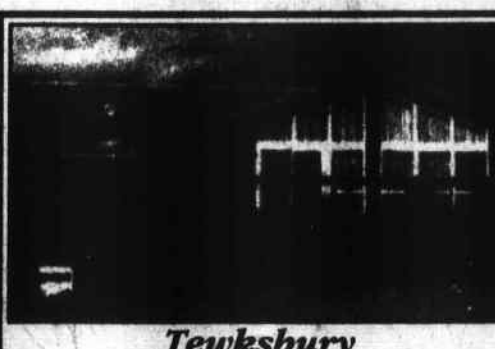
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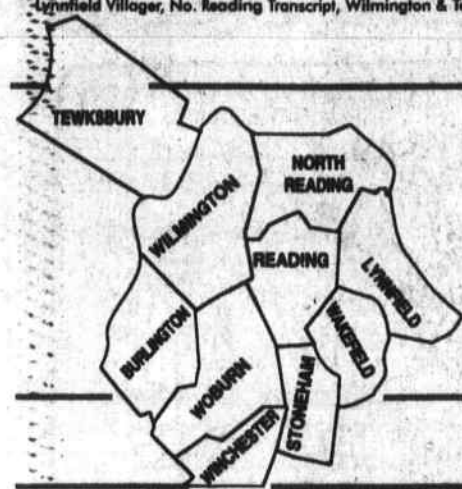


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Fun at Martin's Pond Winter Festival



MARTIN'S POND WINTER FESTIVAL was held recently in North Reading. It was a great event for families to enjoy together during the long, snowy winter season. Shown at top is David LaPusata, age 5, having his face painted by Nicole Davis, painter/artist. Right, both children and adults join in the fun on a wooden airplane. On the left, sisters Gianni Gebhard, age 4, and Talia Gebhard, age 2, enjoy a make believe ride on a snow covered wooden train. A popular attraction for the younger set was eating roasted marshmallows at the Winter Festival. Shown at bottom are: (L to R) Tim Ryan, age 3, Matthew Stead, age 5, Mom Christine Stead and Lauren Stead age 2, Danny Ryan age 1 and Mom Jennifer Ryan. They are all from North Reading

(PHOTOS BY DON YOUNG)

Woodchips

Most of you I am sure, have seen BOXCARS OF A FREIGHT TRAIN on a siding or in a remote section of a railroad yard. They look IGNORED, FORGOTTEN OR ABANDONED. Some people, it seems to me, are like that - shunted aside from the main stream of life by their FAMILIES, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS. The sad part is, that most of these people are not necessarily old. They are just too slow for the fast lane of the jet set, social butterflies and the so called upper crust or

crumbs of high society. I met MEYER TARLOW, not long ago, in STEARNS HARDWARE STORE (he worked as a carpenter with my father.) He is almost 80 years old and was buying nails. "Meyer," I shouted, as I hugged him, "you look great and I can see by what you're buying that you're still going strong." "Why not?" he exclaimed, "I HAVEN'T GOT TIME TO GET OLD!"

Folks, WOODCHIPS is dedicated to people like Meyer Tarlow, who refuses to be shunted aside. It's for people

who buy NAILS TO BUILD THINGS, women who buy YARN TO MAKE SOMETHING AND GARDENERS WHO BUY SEEDS TO SEE PLANTS AND FLOWERS GROW.

SO GOD BLESS ALL OF US SENIOR CITIZENS because, the race is not necessarily won by the SWIFT, but by those who KEEP ON RUNNING...

Bob Giguere, Bobby Breen and Larry Flynn were in Mickey's hoisting a few. They told me they were going to Bermuda on vacation and they were taking their, "Bermuda Shots"...

The honorable John McLeod, retired judge of the Chelsea District Court had an interesting case when he was on the bench.

He said to the four defendants standing before him, "please explain to me what you were doing in the BOOK-IE PARLOR when it was

raided by the state police."

YIMPY STONE SAID, "your Honor, I'm a 'LOCKSMITH,' and I was trying to make a 'bolt,' for the door."

Richie Gillis said, "I'm a plumber, I was working on a blocked up sink drain when I was 'flushed,' out by a trooper."

Bob Butler said, "I'm an ELECTRICIAN and I was changing a BURNT OUT FUSE and when the lights went back on, I was 'SHOCKED,' to see the police."

Mario Colechia said, "sir I'm a carpenter and I was repairing some LOOSE FLOORBOARDS when I was 'nailed' by a trooper."

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SPRING FLING

Spring classes for evening schools are holding registrations

By DOUG WOOD-BOYLE

Learning something new everyday is the best way to survive in this ever changing and complicated world. To that end most of the communities in the Middlesex East area offer adult or community education programs with a wide variety of courses.

These courses vary in length, depending on the subject matter, from one session to an eleven-week semester. They also vary in credit value from a certificate of completion to a high school degree.

At Woburn's Adult Evening School and Wakefield's Community Education Program students can take courses that will prepare them for the General Education Diploma (GED).

Woburn's Director of Adult Education Edward Kaufman said his program is the only one in the area certified to give the GED exam for those people whom, for whatever reason, did not graduate from high school.

"ESL (English as a Second Language) and GED are the most popular courses," Kaufman said. "ESL has a big demand."

"There are an awful lot of people moving into the area who need the classes."

Although Woburn still offers a large number of computer courses and they are well attended, Kaufman noted they have dropped from the number one spot in popularity.

Woburn, Winchester, Wakefield and Wilmington have late winter/early spring classes. Some of the others in the area, such as Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School have already started their winter semester.

Burlington does not have an evening school program. And no one returned calls to give information about the programs in Lynnfield, North Reading, Reading, Stoneham, and Tewksbury.

"I'm probably one of the few who start late," Kaufman said. I want to get past the bad weather. We have a lot of older people who attend classes."

Woburn also has the largest number of courses offered in the area with a total of 73. These include 12 courses for children in the kindergarten through grade eight levels and 11 for tots from age three to five.

"Our children's courses are

becoming very popular," Kaufman said. "We are one of the few that offer classes for ages three to five."

There are also afternoon courses for high school students that need to make up credits in order to graduate.

Another popular course, according to Kaufman, is the dance classes.

All of the courses are open to Woburn residents and for a \$3 extra fee to residents from surrounding communities as well.

The same holds true in Wakefield and Wilmington. All three programs also offer courses in conversational foreign languages.

Kaufman explains these courses as "...having the emphasis on conversation and not reading and writing."

In Woburn, Italian, French and Spanish are offered. In Wakefield only Italian and Spanish are offered and Wilmington only offers Spanish this semester.

However, Wilmington's Director of Adult Education Peter Lucia said he expects the course to be very popular. Lucia is basing his expectations on the popularity of the conversational Chinese course that was offered in Wilmington during the Fall Semester.

"The course is offered for professionals in health care and law enforcement who need to converse in Spanish," Lucia said.

Most of the Wilmington courses are computer related.

"We offer a lot of computer courses, as well as different levels of photography courses," Lucia said.

Wilmington has the lowest number of courses of the programs that returned calls. However, the average cost of the courses is \$70 including materials. Laboratory fees for courses in photography are extra.

Computers and golf are the popular courses in Wakefield. Community Education Director Tom Merchant also operates a GED preparatory course sponsored by the Wakefield Cooperative Bank, although the exam is not offered.

"I do an SAT preparatory class which is run on Sundays," Merchant said. "We get a good turnout for that."

The Wakefield program has about 60 different courses ranging from one-day seminars to full semester studies. These five.

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Linda Fermery, Jim Kent, Karen Murphy, Fenton Stirling and Dan Hurley all of WINCHESTER.

Rep. Carol D. Donovan, Sindhura Pulluru, Jacquelyn Perkins, Laurie Drummon and Lisa Perkins all of WOBURN.

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Natalie Cusato of STONEHAM, Joyce Kashgegian of TEWKSBURY, Pricilla Renda of WAKEFIELD, Christina Stewart of WILMINGTON, Linda Ribany of WINCHESTER, Colleen Sanborn and Jessica Buttarro of WOBURN.

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SIR WILLIAM GLADSTONE, Prime Minister of England was persistent in demanding that QUEEN VICTORIA pass a measure that would help the poor of England she exclaimed, "you forget who I am, I am the PEOPLE OF ENGLAND!"

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GEORGE GUYETTE said, "Rev. I had no idea what HELL was until I heard your "LONG SERMON" this morning..."

John MacCurtin told HILDA the new maid, "be extra careful dusting the DINING ROOM FURNITURE, it goes back to LOUIS THE FOURTEENTH. "I know what you mean sir," Hilda replied, "If I don't make a payment by Saturday, my furniture goes back to SEARS THE FIFTEENTH!"

Some children are fresh today because they are given too many B-I AND B-2 VITAMINS and not enough, "B-QUIET!"

An ATHEIST'S EPITAPH, "ALL DRESSED UP AND NO PLACE TO GO..."

PAUL SIMON got on a bus in NEW HAMPSHIRE and asked the driver "SIR, DOES THIS BUS STOP AT THE RIVER?" "Wal if it doesn't," the driver said, "THERE'S GOING TO BE ONE HECK OF A SPLASH!"



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ANSWER: TREE, SIGN, ARM, COAT, FOOT, EAR, CAP

I must have heard this a thousand times, "DO YOU THINK THE RAIN WILL HURT THE "RHUBARB?" The answer was always, "NOT IF IT'S IN A CAN." I'll be some people don't even know WHAT THE HECK RHUBARB IS TODAY...

I went shopping with Kathy and I said to a woman "GOOD MORNING, HOW ARE YOU TODAY?" "I'M FINE," she replied, BUT WHY DO YOU

ASK, I DON'T KNOW YOU." I took a closer look and said, "I'm sorry ma'am, you look like HELEN GREEN. (Folks she had a WONDERFUL SENSE of HUMOR for she said)", I KNOW, I LOOK LIKE HELLEN BROWN TOO!"

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Movie Reviews by Paul Feely

"Daredevil" has moments of greatness

MOVIE: "DAREDEVIL"
GRADE: ***

Review: This Ben Affleck-driven movie isn't as good comic book-come-to-life movie as last year's 'Spiderman', but it definitely has its moments of greatness.

Affleck stars as a lawyer who was blinded as a child, thereby developing super-acute hearing- and sensory perception as he grew older, as well as a form of human sonar. He decides that by night he will fight crime, and dons a leather outfit to create the 'Daredevil' character, a crimefighter who is known for performing acrobatic stunts as he fights evildoers.

The cats is great, with Jennifer Garner playing Affleck's love interest Electra, Michael Clarke Duncan as crime boss The Kingpin, and Colin Farrell as punk assassin Bullseye. The movie rolls right along until the very end, where you are expecting a grand, climactic finish but instead get the perfect setup for a sequel.

SHORTTAKES
MOVIE: "HOW TO LOSE A GUY IN 10 DAYS"

GRADE: **

Review: Kate Hudson and Matthew McConaughey star in the latest romantic comedy to come out of Hollywood.

Hudson plays a woman who tries to get a guy who she is dating to kick her to the curb, but what she doesn't know is that he in turn has accepted a bet to get her to fall in love with him. What they both don't realize, of course, is that they are perfect for each other, a

fact the the audience is led to assume from the beginning.

Hudson and McConaughey actually have some chemistry together, and the fact that they make a believable couple helps to carry this film along some of the bumps in the plot. The film is enjoyable, and would make a perfect date movie for the upcoming Valentine's Day weekend.

MOVIE: "DARKNESS FALLS"

GRADE: **

Review: At first glance,

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Sports author talks about Ted Williams

Just as spring training is underway, the Friends of the Woburn Library invite the public to the library on Friday, March 7 at 7 p.m. to hear sports writer Bill Nowlin tell the inside story of the Red Sox's Ted Williams, the greatest hitter in baseball.

In his latest book "Ted Williams: The Pursuit of Perfection" (co-authored by Jim Prime) with a Foreword by Robert Redford, Nowlin probes the unique and complex person that the Hall of Famer was—veteran pilot of two wars, for 50 years the most faithful celebrity fund raiser to fight children's cancer, wildly admired by his fans, whose fondness he didn't always return.

Nowlin's study of this enigmatic athlete also features a treasury of some of the best photographs of Number Nine in action and repose. Nowlin has authored several previous books on baseball and the Red Sox.

This free evening will really set you in "baseball mode." The crack of the bat will be heard in Fenway before you know it. Remember: No tickets to buy. Just come and enjoy learning more about this interesting sports hero. And have a few words in person with the author over a cup of coffee and a dessert.

The library is handicapped accessible. Please call (781) 933-0148 for information.

Workshops for early child care providers

Parenting Resource Associates (PRA), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to supporting healthy child development, offers professional development seminars in Lynnfield. The workshops are geared for early childhood educators, teachers, child-care providers, and others working with children and families.

All workshops are held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and pre-registration for all courses is required.

The following workshops are currently being offered: Helping Children Who Struggle with Social Skills, February 10; Understanding and Managing Aggression in Young Children, March 18.

For a complete listing of

services offered or to register for a workshop, visit the PRA Web site at www.parentingresourceassociates.org, or contact Lisa Eisenbud, Program Coordinator, at (781) 862-4446 or pralexma@aol.com.

Parenting Resource Associates' (PRA), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was founded in 1991 to support healthy child development by working with the adults who have a significant impact in the lives of children.

March 1

17th annual Antique Show

The Malden Historical Society will hold its annual Antique Show on Saturday, March 1. This is the seven-

Showing his mettle in Wilmington

"The heroic capabilities displayed by firefighters are displayed frequently in their perilous line of duty," notes the "Wilmington Town Crier."

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"Richard Carroccino, of Wilmington, just happens to be one of those remarkable people. Carroccino, who is stationed at tower ladder one in the Chelsea Fire Department, was invited to

an annual ceremony at Faneuil Hall to receive the honorable Medal of Valor, awarded by the governor.

"The reason for his nomination was based on an occurrence that took place back in February of 2002. Responding to a fire in Chelsea, the squad arrived at a house fire with two adults and two children trapped inside. Carroccino entered the house from the tower ladder and rescued all four people, escaping injuries and earning him wide recognition for his courageous and successful efforts...."

Straight to the 'Pointe' in Burlington

"Acting on the recommendation of the screening committee, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to name Gail LaPointe as the new town accountant," notes the Burlington edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Her starting date was Monday, Feb. 3, pending completion of an employment contract, apparently only a formality.

"LaPointe was employed as chief financial officer in the town of Boxford. She was selected from among a field of approximately 50 candidates.

"The position became vacant when Patrick Mullin retired on Nov. 15 after serving in the job for 28 years. Mullin remains with the town on a consulting basis.

"Prior to the official date of Mullin's retirement, the town had started advertising for the position. A panel comprised of Mullin, Town Administrator Robert Mercier, Treasurer-Tax Collector Brian Curtin, Human Resources Director Anne Marie Tucciarone-

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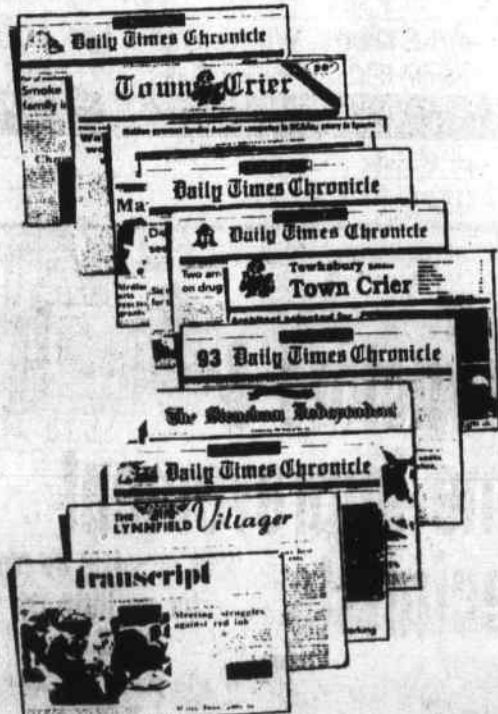
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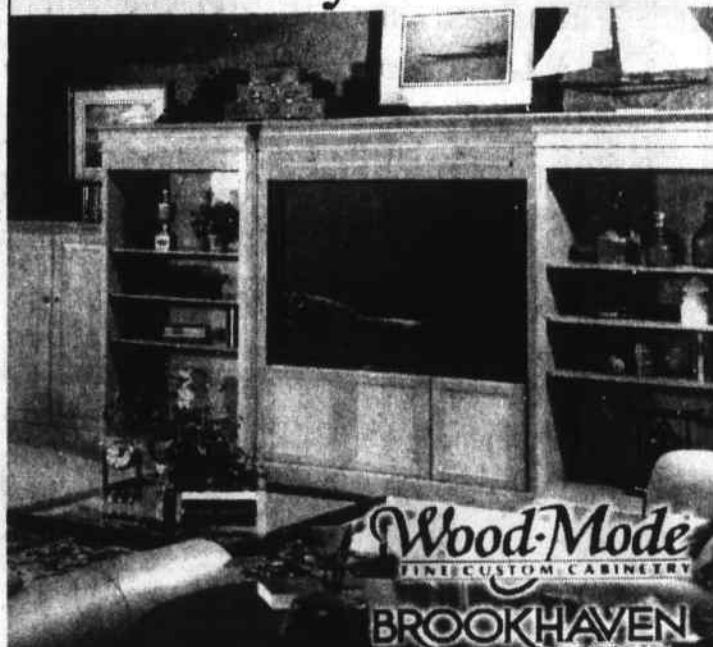
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The Wakefield Choral Society is an on-going program sponsored by Wakefield Community Education and is open to any person who wants to sing. They perform two concerts a year.

A different program in Wakefield is their television production class.

At the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School the winter program is already in place. However, the school does offer many certificate programs for tradespeople as well as exceptional training for the hobbyist. Plans are now underway for a summer computer camp program for youth as well as other educational opportunities.

For more information on the Metro Tech program call (781) 246-0810 or go to their website at www.neadulthood.com.

In Winchester, the Recreation Department runs an ongoing adult program in subjects as varied as Arts and Music, Business and Finance, Creative Arts, and computer classes both at the high school and on-line. The spring schedule will be coming out the week of March 10 and Community Education Director Mary Johnson said it would be offering 82 courses ranging from one-night classes at \$17 to 10-week courses at \$125.

Johnson said, "We are always looking for new ideas. If you do not see a course offering, please contact us."

However, information about upcoming classes and summer youth programs can be found at www.winrec.com or by contacting them at:

Winchester Recreation & Community Education
Sanborn House, 15 High St.
Winchester, MA 01890
phone 781-721-7125

Registration by mail has already started in Woburn and Wakefield. Wakefield will host an Open House registration on March 10 from 7:30 p.m. on at the Galvin Middle School. All classes start March 24 and are held at Wakefield Memorial High School.

"If you want to meet the teachers (before the start of classes) come to the Galvin Middle School," Merchant said.

For more information, contact Merchant at (781) 246-6444.

In-person registration for the

Woburn programs will be taking place March 4 and March 6 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Library at Woburn High School, 88 Montvale Avenue in Woburn. For more information or to obtain course descriptions contact Kaufman at (781) 937-8222.

The registration for the Wilmington programs will start by mail on March 1 and flyers should be available soon. An open house registration will take place on March 19 at 7 p.m.

Montessori School has new head master

ANDOVER - Alex Murenia of Wallingford, Connecticut has been selected by the Board of Directors of the Andover School of Montessori (ASM) as its new Head of School. Alex is a career educator with 21 years experience in private school administration and teaching. His appointment is effective July 1, 2003.

"The Board is very excited to announce this appointment," ASM Board President Diane Bauer wrote to parents in making the announcement. "Alex brings a wealth of private school administrative and academic experience. He shares our commitment to providing our students a Montessori education and to the school's mission of giving students the tools they need to be life-long learners."

Alex Murenia was selected after an extensive search process that began in August 2002. He is currently the Assistant Headmaster for Academic Affairs at Cheshire Academy in Cheshire, Connecticut and has also served as its Director of Alumni and Development.

For more information about the Wilmington programs contact Lucia at (978) 694-6094 or go to the website at www.wilmington.k12.ma.us and follow the adult education links.

To obtain information about the programs in your community call:

Lynnfield Community School at (781) 334-5814
North Reading Adult Education at (978) 664-9966
Reading Adult Education at (781) 942-9136
Stoneham Adult Education at (781) 279-3810;
Tewksbury Community Education at (978) 640-7831.

Prior to arriving at Cheshire in 1997, he was the Head of Upper School at St. Margaret's-McTernan School in Waterbury, Connecticut. He has also been the Head of Upper School at Rocky Hill School in East Greenwich, Rhode Island (1994-1997), and Academic Dean at Sanford School in Hockessin, Delaware (1990-1993). Alex Murenia holds a Master of Arts degree from Cornell University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Trinity College. He also attended Choate Preparatory School in Wallingford, Connecticut.

Alex Murenia succeeds Richmond Abbe, who is leaving ASM after five years as its Executive Director to become the Head of School for the Burgundy Farm Country Day School in Alexandria, Virginia.

The Andover School of Montessori was founded in 1975. It provides education for students from pre-school (age 3) to Middle School (age 14). The mission of the School is to prepare students to be life-long learners and responsible citizens of the world community.

Antique Show

From S-3

ing again this year. Among the "regulars" who are scheduled to be at the Show is longtime dealer Flint House Books. Also returning is postcard dealer Hy Fiskien with his extensive collection of postcards and ephemera - always a popular draw. Other dealers who have reserved space for this year are Stephen Polednak of Scientifically Past and John Tramondozzi of GianniSeppe Antiques, specializing in porce-

lain and silver. Anne and Tom Lally, A & T Collectibles, have been part of the show from the first and will be on hand again as will Mabs King, EM-T Trunk Antiques.

While some dealers concentrate on specific types of items such as jewelry, books, prints and paintings, small items of furniture and old kitchenware, others offer a general mix of merchandise. Dickinson promises the same varied and eclectic mix of antiques and collectibles for which the show

is known. To that end, he is looking to recruit new dealers with different merchandise to fill available spaces.

"The public's interest in antiques and collectibles continue to grow" said Co-chairperson Barbara Tolstrup, "and so does attendance at local antique shows like the Malden Show." She hopes to see even bigger attendance this year and said, "We are working hard to ensure a bigger and better show with more dealers and new merchandise to appeal to all tastes and interests from serious collectors to browsers."

Easily reached by public transportation, the Malden Historical Society Antique Show and Sale is a short walk

Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

SPORTS SHORTS

MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA QUESTION: Who was the first NBA player to reach the 30,000 point plateau? Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

READING'S GREG O'LEARY is second on the Trinity College men's ice hockey team in scoring with five goals and a team-high 19 assists (which places him first in that category in the NESCAC), good enough for 24 points (which ranks him ninth in the NESCAC).

WINCHESTER'S JOHN NEWHALL, a freshman defenseman on the Trinity College men's ice hockey team, is part of a four-man group that ranks third in the NESCAC in scoring defense, at 2.74 goals allowed per game.

THE BURLINGTON ICE PALACE, conveniently located at 36 Ray Avenue in Burlington, is currently offering daily Public Skating time six days a week. From Monday through Friday, public skating is held from 10:30 am to 12 pm, followed by Stick Practice from 12:15 pm. Weekend sessions are offered from 3:30-4:30 pm on Saturday and on Sunday, from 3:20-4:20 pm throughout

the month of December. Call 781-272-9517 for more details.

TEWKSBURY'S ANDREA TOLAND was given ECAC weekly honors, as well as Northeast 10 Conference weekly honors, recently for her efforts on the Bentley College women's track team. She had the second-fastest time in the Boston University Invitational in the 500 meter race, clocking in at 1:19.49.

BURLINGTON'S PAT BYRNE, a junior member of the Tufts University men's ice hockey team, has nine goals and six assists for 15 points, which ranks him fourth on the team in scoring.

Need some help on this week's trivia question? This player reached that plateau in a loss against the Phoenix Suns.

BURLINGTON'S THOMAS MANN, a sophomore midfielder on the Nichols College men's soccer team, appeared in 13 games this year and recorded his first collegiate goal in a game against St. Joe's. He also finished the year with two assists.

NORTH READING'S ERIC ROBINSON, sophomore fullback, appeared in

14 games this season for the Nichols College men's soccer team before suffering a season-ending wrist injury. Best of luck in his recovery for next year.

THE COLONIAL ADULT MASTERS SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TEAM is recruiting for new members for the 2003 season. The team, comprised of skaters from four New England states, has in its two competitive seasons qualified for and been finalists at the National Synchronized Skating Championships. Skaters must be age 25 or older, with good command of edges, turns, and stops and be current USFSA or ISI members at the time of try-out. For more information call 978-263-3450.

In the Bay State Hockey 29th Annual Snowflake Tournament, **WAKEFIELD** edged **BURLINGTON** 2-0 in a shootout to take the Peewee A Division Championship game. At the Peewee C level, **WINCHESTER** edged **Pembroke** 6-1 to take home that championship.

The **'RED HEAT'** is looking for experienced softball players to participate in a 15 game schedule on Sunday's at Strike One in Danvers through March of 2003. Players should be between the ages of 15 and 18. For additional information call David at 781-246-0098.

ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION: The player was Wilt Chamberlain, who reached the record-setting point total in 1972.

DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T? If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please mail it to: Paul Feely, Middlesex East Sports, P.O. Box 240, Reading, MA, 01867, or call Paul at 781-944-2200 between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or fax information at 781-942-0884.

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Calendar of Events

JOHN REARDON IN STONEHAM

John Reardon, well known author of "All Star Dads," and "Diamonds Will Sparkle," will be at the Hood School in Stoneham on Wednesday, March 26 from 9:15 to 11:00 to present a continuation of last year's program, "Raising Children and Having Fun," a parenting program using common sense and traditional wisdom.

John will build on last year's program by asking questions and encouraging parent participation. Topics that will be covered include: responsibility and self discipline; power conflicts; morning and night conflicts; home work conflicts; sibling rivalry; riding in the car conflicts; making friends; how to say no; how to reduce parent stress; sports and recreation time conflicts; children having time to be children; listening skills; delayed consequences; to name a few.

This program, sponsored by the Hood School Council and Parents Association, is being offered free of charge. **SINGERS WANTED NO AUDITIONS**

The North Regional Theater Workshop is looking for adult voices (men and women) to perform in their 25th anniversary concert scheduled for May.

Rehearsals every Tuesday 7 p.m. at the Wilmington Arts Center, 159 Church Street (Rte. 62), Wilmington. For more information call 978-681-0355 or 978-658-0192. Visit the website www.nrtwinc.com.

32ND ANNUAL ANTIQUE SHOW

The 32nd Annual Antiques and Collectibles Show will be held at the First Parish

Congregational Church, 1 Church St., Wakefield, Friday evening March 28 from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday March 29 from 10-4 p.m.

There are 35 exhibitors. A home cooked luncheon is available and there is handicapped access.

Appraisals will be done Friday evening by Frank Kaminski (\$5 an item or three for \$10.) All are welcome.

Directions: Take 128/95 to exit 40 and follow the signs. (For more information call 781-245-1539.)

THRIFT SHOP WINTER SALE

On Wednesday, February 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Tower Exchange Thrift Shop, located in the basement of the Centre Congregational Church, 5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, will hold its annual winter sale.

There is a varied selection of fall and winter dresses, skirts, jackets, slacks, sweaters and coats for ladies; coats, jackets, slacks shirts and sweaters for men; and children's clothing. Much of the merchandise is half price.

NAMI OF EASTERN MIDDLESEX MEETS

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Eastern Middlesex will meet on February 24 at Horizon House, 78 Water Street, Wakefield to hear Kathy Learned of Mystic Valley Elder services.

She will discuss services to elderly people with mental health concerns. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. NAMI meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month helping families and friends by providing support, education, and advocacy.

For more information call 781-644-4991.

DINNER DANCE FOR BREAST CANCER

Friends Fighting Breast Cancer 6th annual gala Dinner Dance will be held at the Boston Copley Marriott Hotel, 110 Huntington Ave., Boston. Wheelchair accessible. 978-664-6947.

The date is March 15, Saturday, from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. \$75 per person includes hors d'oeuvres, sit down dinner and dancing to the B Street Bombers Band, silent auction, raffle, violin duet.

Friends fighting Breast Cancer is a nonprofit volunteer group. Proceeds benefit breast cancer research at the Mass. General Hospital's Center for Cancer Risk Analysis in memory of co-founder Janet Connolly O'Neill who succumbed to the disease in August 2002 after a 13 year battle.

BIG SISTERS SEEK VOLUNTEERS

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STAMP CLUB HOSTS ANNUAL SHOW

The Samuel Osgood Stamp Club will sponsor its annual show and exhibition on Saturday, March 8 in Lawrence. Hours will be 9 to 4 and admission and parking are free. There will be a USPS Philatelic Sales Unit, a United Nations Postal Administration Sales Unit and 24 dealer tables.

Also featured will be door prizes, a youth table and a philatelic "Chance Board."

There will be a show cancellation commemorating the

100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers first powered flight.

SOPEX 2003 will be held at BPOE Elks Lodge, 652 Andover Street, Lawrence. Take exit 24 (River Road) off I 93 and proceed easterly toward Lawrence. River Road becomes Andover Street at the Andover/Lawrence line. Elks Hall is on the left at the town line.

Information is available from R.G. Brand, P.O. Box 1335 Lawrence, Ma. 01842 or call 978-688-1773.

SPRING'S FIRST INDOOR FLEA MARKET

On Saturday, March 15, Waverly Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a non-profit charitable fraternal organization will host its 25th annual Springtime Flea market. This popular annual event will be held on the entire ground floor of the Melrose Masonic located at the corner of Main and West Wyoming, just outside of Melrose center.

In past years quality vendors (up to 30 different ones) have presented various products, old and new for several hundred potential purchasers who wander through over the course of the day. Items have included antiques, crafts, jewelry, collectibles, dolls, sports memorabilia, toys, tools, books, appliances, clothes and many many items from cleaned out garages, basements and attics.

Many valuable items and great deals have been found here over this flea market's 25 year history. There will also be at least one table full of home baked cakes and pastries, always a favorite of the crowd.

Located indoors, the spacious facility offers a snack bar, complete with coffee, donuts, pastry, sandwiches, hot dogs, snacks, beverages and yes its infamous homemade corn chowder.

General admission is 50 cents per person, at the door. The hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Inquiries from vendors wishing to set up tables are welcome. For additional information call Ed at 781-599-8800.

FAMILY CARE HAS MEETINGS

Wilmington Family Care will host the following meetings in February and march.

February 25: Meeting the Challenge of Raising an Adolescent - What is the job of the adolescent? 7:30-9 p.m. Wilmington High School Library.

February 27: Creative and Cooperative Problem Solving for First, Second and Third Grade Parents - Engaging Cooperation 7-8:30 p.m. Wilmington Middle School.

March 4: Meeting the Challenge of Raising an Adolescent - What decisions will your adolescent make regarding sex, drugs, alcohol and driving? 7:30- 9 p.m. at Wilmington High School Library.

All meetings sponsored by the Wilmington Family Counseling Service, Inc.

PIANO RECITAL ON MARCH 3

The Winchester Community Music School will present a recital by faculty member Olga Talroze, piano, assisted by Agnieszka Dziubak, cello. The program to include works by Beethoven, Brahms, Shostakovich and de Falla will be held on Monday March 3 at 7 p.m.

Meet the Artists reception following the recital. Sponsored

by the Winchester Rotary Club. No admission fee. Open to the public. Wheelchair accessible.

The event will be held at the Nichols Performance Hall at Winchester Community Music School, 406 Highland Ave. Winchester. Call 781-721-2950 for more information.

PLEASURE ISLAND IS TOPIC

The Lynnfield Historical Society will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the 1714 Meeting House on the Common at Main and Summer Street in Lynnfield. The featured speaker will be Robert McLaughlin, whose topic will be "Pleasure Island", the Wakefield theme/amusement park which operated from 1959 to 1969.

Mr. McLaughlin is the President of the Friends of Pleasure Island, Inc, a non-profit organization whose mission is to collect and exhibit the memories and mementos of Pleasure Island.

New members and the public are welcome. Admission is free and refreshments will be served following the program.

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School Notes

by Phyllis Nissen

STAYING AHEAD OF THE GAME: RUN FOR THE MONEY

Full court press in North Reading

It was just a technicality, but an appreciative School Committee officially accepted the new press box that overlooks the high school football field," notes the "North Reading Transcript."

"The idea for the press box was conceived by John Norton, long a supporter of athletics at North Reading High School. It was through his efforts and those of the Athletic Boosters that it became a reality.

"He enlisted the help of the Athletic Boosters, of which he and Michele Canan serve as co-presidents, James Shiner, and many generous business and tradespeople.

"Norton told the School Committee that, if the project had gone out to bid and the work was paid for at the going rate, the total cost of the project would have been \$64,700.

However, because much of the labor and supplies were donated, the cost of building the press box was less than half that figure, or \$31,500. That money was raised through donations -

the press box was built at no cost to the town...."

Solutions in Lynnfield

"We know the four schools and their principals do not have everything they want, but the building leaders knew the School Committee could not justify additional spending faced with an 8.3% increase in the budget just to provide level services," notes the "Lynnfield Villager."

"The elementary school principals stepped up to the podium with the usual requests for low class sizes and additional nursing at the Committee's meeting.

"Enrollment increases affect scheduling, class size and nursing needs," according to Summer Street Principal Francine Goldstein.

"Goldstein expects class sizes to increase once again next year. She expects 22 students per class in the first grade and 23.5 students in each second grade class. Both of these totals are at the upper end of the School Committee guidelines. Both the third and fourth grades are within the guidelines up

to this point.

"At Huckleberry Hill, the second and third grade class-

School Notes to S-11

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With the cold weather months comes a storm of fun activities from skiing to snowboarding, ice-skating to sledding. Experts warn, however, that exercise coupled with freezing temperatures may leave joints more prone to injury.

"In general people are less active during the winter," said Karen Mohr, a physical therapist and research director at the renowned Kerlan-Jobe Orthopedic Clinic in California.

"This means people are generally less fit in the winter months and tend to perform physical activity in spurts rather than on a regular basis."

According to Mohr, colder temperatures may also play a role in physical injury because muscles, tendons and joints take longer to warm up. "When these tissues are cold, they're less extensible and are therefore more prone to injury," added Mohr.

If you're a weekend ski war-

rior, or if you usually get stuck with snow shoveling duty, Mohr and the makers of Nature Made dietary supplements recommended the following tips to prevent joint injuries in an effort to make this a painless winter:

• **Warm up Before You Gear Up.** Certainly, it's always important to take time out to warm up and stretch before engaging in any physical activity. Colder muscles, however, are more prone to injury. Therefore, it's important to take extra time to condition yourself before you do any outdoor activity. Whether you're shoveling your walkway or hit-

ting the slopes, Mohr suggests doing a few sets of jumping jacks, going for a brisk 10 minute walk or anything to get your heart rate up to prepare your tissues for exercise and prevent joint aches and pains.

• **Don't Cram...Plan.** It's important to remember that things like weekend ski trips should not be seen as a way to get back in shape. rather, Mohr suggests, you get in shape before you go so that it's not as demanding on the joints and muscles. You don't need to leave the house to work out. Stay fit through the winter months by keeping up on household chores or try lifting

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weights and stretching at home while watching your favorite TV show.

• **Fuel Your Joints.** A healthy diet rich in antioxidants found in brightly colored fruits, such as oranges or berries as well as dietary supplements, may help promote good joint health. Try incorporating more vegetables such as leafy greens into your diet, perhaps in a warm bowl of soup. Also, nuts which are handy snacks for the slopes, and other foods rich in vitamin D, such as mushrooms, eggs and fortified low-fat milk and cereals, may also work to encourage overall joint health and mobility.

• **Try a Joint Health Supplement.** In addition to diet, joint supplements are growing

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The entertainment-sized kitchen has been completely redone and offers plenty of oak

cabinets, corian countertops, center island, hardwood floors. The seller is providing an allowance for new appliances. A french door opens to a three season sunroom, or sliders provide access to yet another back deck.

The master bedroom has plenty of space to spread out. There is a sitting area/dressing area as well as a master bath. A french door opens to a private brick patio for those early morning cups of coffee. The other three bedrooms are well sized and all have gleaming hardwood floors. The main bath offers double sinks for the growing family.

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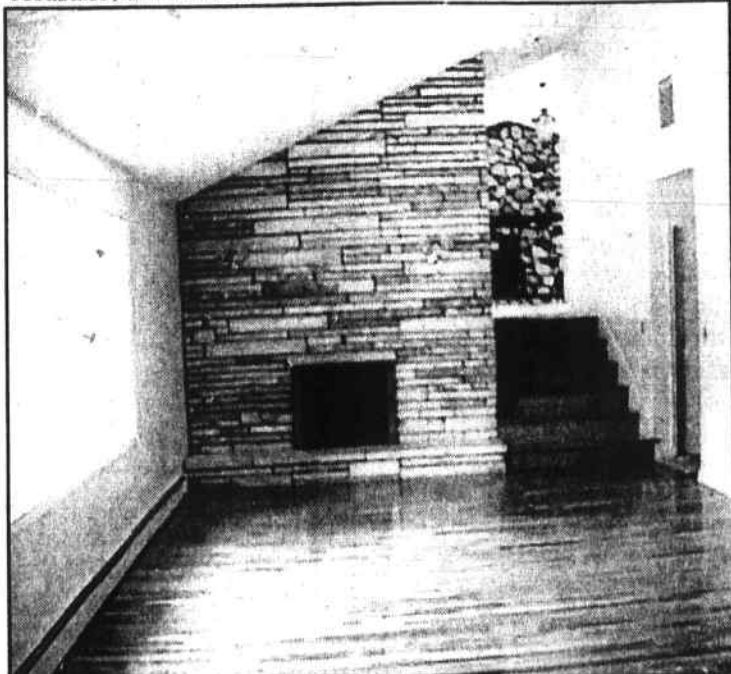
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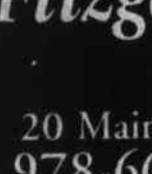
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Windows flank the gas fireplace in the spacious great room at the core of this plan. When flames dance within, the fireplace creates a warm and colorful focal point that friends can enjoy from anywhere in the great room as well as some areas of the kitchen.

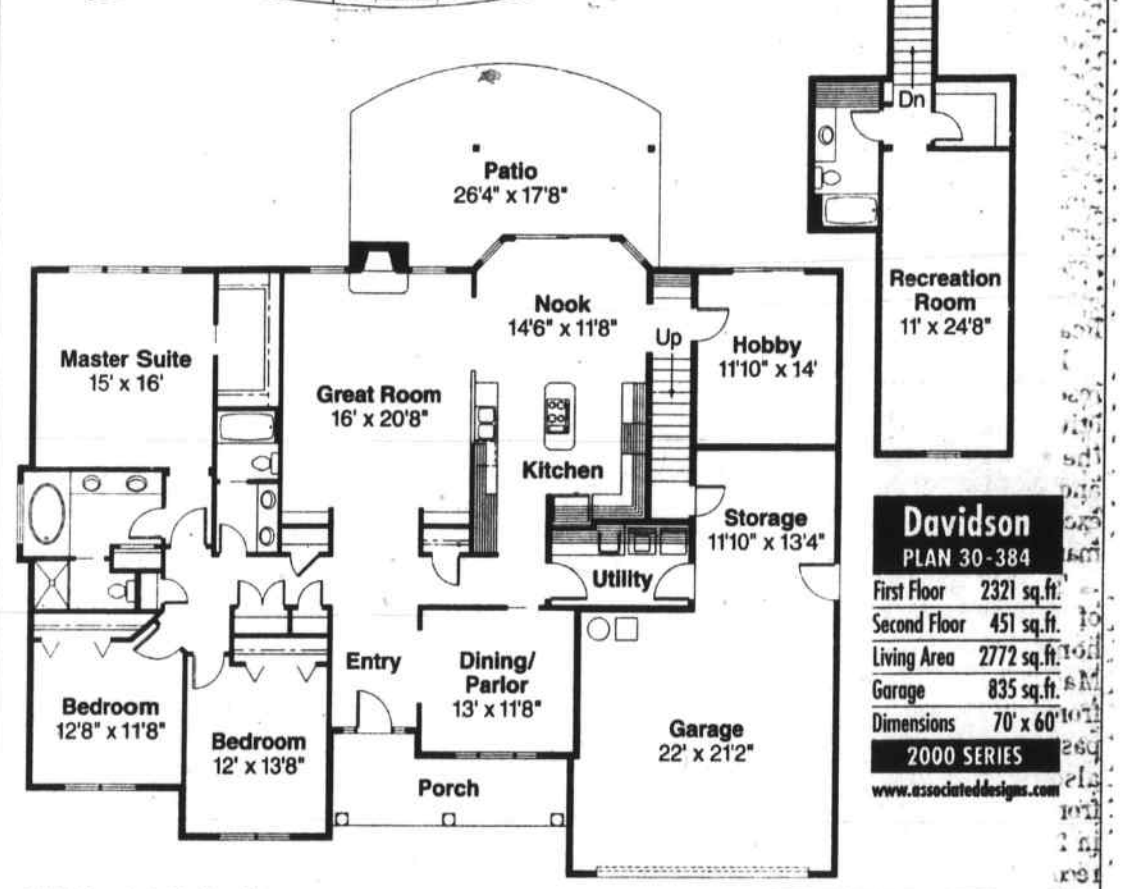
Glass fills most of the exterior wall of a bayed nook that expands the large country

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After two years of declining sales the Bay State's housing market rebounded in 2002, as historically low mortgage rates, a rocky investment climate on Wall Street, and strong demand from immigrants and baby-boomers seeking smaller, starter homes and condominiums boosted buying activity across the state, according to a report issued today by the Massachusetts Association of Realtors® (MAR).

Home selling prices also rose in 2002 for a ninth consecutive year, an indication that the market remains healthy and demand for housing still exceeds the supply of homes in many areas.

The MAR report shows sales of detached single-family homes rose 5.1 percent in Massachusetts during 2002, from 44,514 in 2001 to 46,769 this past year. Condominium sales also increased 13.4 percent, from 13,151 a year ago to 14,912 in 2002, setting a new annual record for Bay State.

Furthermore, the aggregate total of 61,681 detached homes and condos sold in 2002 make it the third highest annual residential sales total in state history, topped only by 1998 and 1999.

"The near record sales pace of the past year reflects the

strong desire of consumers to take advantage of some of the best interest rates in years," stated MAR President Peter P. Casey. "We've also seen an influx of buyers as a result of diminishing returns in the financial markets, and the eagerness of many to find a safe, alternative investment to Wall Street."

Regionally, sales of detached single-family homes improved in six of seven market areas of the state last year, the exception being western Massachusetts where sales slide 0.7 percent from 2001 levels. The healthiest activity occurred in greater Boston (+15.6 percent), Cape Cod/Barnstable County (+6.6 percent), and Central Mass./Worcester County (+4.9 percent). Similarly, in the condo market, sales rose in all areas but the West, where a 6.6 percent decline in sales was reported. Within specific markets, greater Boston, Cape Cod, and greater Fall-River-New Bedford saw the most improvement in 2002, as double-digit sales gains were observed from year ago levels.

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minium market, as declining mortgage rates and a modest increase in the number of residential listing available for sale attracted buyers into the market. The fourth quarter was preceded by strong sales in the first six months of 2002, during which detached single-family home sales volume rose 9.1 percent and condo sales climbed 14 percent over the same two quarters in 2001. The third quarter was only one in which sales fell last year.

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Builder Connections program, can also bring up other factors that home buyers up other factors that home buyers may not previously have considered, such as the community to the home buyer's lifestyle. Do you really want a community with a pool

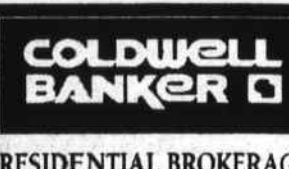
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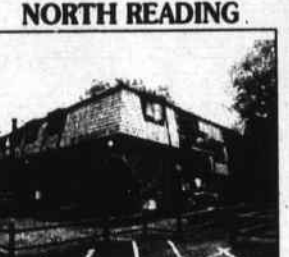
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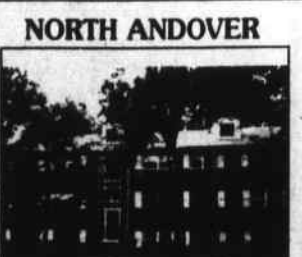
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-BURLINGTON-

Median Price \$307,000

11 WINMERE AVE was sold to Winnmere Ave Rt & Phyllis Santullo Tr by Balko Andrij Est & Mary H Schmidt for \$178,000
NO STREET GIVEN was sold to Dennis Sullivan by Elizabeth J Paone & Andrea Paone for \$210,000

-LYNNFIELD-

Median Price \$368,250

16 ARCHER LN was sold to James D Dillon & Laura J Dillon by Angelo Tracanna & Diane M Tracanna for \$525,000
8 BALDWIN LN was sold to Euclides Demelo & Maria Demelo by Mary E Mcernan for \$584,000
5 HUNTINGDON RD was sold to David M Jonah & Pamela A Jonah by Joseph F Moran & Josephine M Moran for \$900,000
5 OCTOBER LN was sold to Ellen M Marder & Eric D Marder by Walter L Landergan Jr for \$560,000
25 SYLVAN CIR was sold to Jeffrey R Mazer & Nicole M Mazer by James S Dillon & Laura J Dillon for \$333,000

-NORTH READING-

Median Price \$296,250

26 COUNTRY CLUB RD was sold to Charles T Reardon & Kathleen Reardon by William F Oleary & Pauline C Oleary for \$550,000
20 ERWIN RD was sold to John Cinelli & Lisa E Cinelli by June E Luoto for \$325,000

-READING-

No Real Estate Sales Were Recorded for this Week.

-STONEHAM-

Median Price \$295,000

137 FRANKLIN ST U:300 was sold to Yassine Bennoui by Djamel Bennoui for \$125,000
19 GOULD ST was sold to Brian J Albushies & Kimberly J Albushies by Lester Baker & Mindy Delrossi for \$270,000
5 MERROW LN was sold to Lester Baker & Mindy Baker by Carmen L Ottavi Ret & Domine J Ottavi for \$345,000

-TEWKSBURY-

Official records are omitted this week. They will appear in next week's Real Estate Transfer section.

-WAKEFIELD-

Median Price \$300,000

25 CRESCENT ST was sold to Mark T Vaughan & Brenda L Vaughan by Joseph T Robert & Anna C Robert for \$430,000
1 MILLBROOK LN U:211 was sold to Donald B Flanagan & Jan Rae Flanagan by Millbrook Ests Llc for \$289,900
NO STREET GIVEN was sold to Bec Development T & Vincent F Barletta Tr by Joseph Danna for \$1,003,000

-WINCHESTER-

Median Price \$564,000

5 TUFTS RD was sold to Douglas E Benedict & Deborah A Benedict by Keith W Morgan & Donna Morgan for \$495,000
NO STREET GIVEN was sold to Sandy W Arthur by Robert J Steeves & Sandra E Steeves for \$600,000

-WILMINGTON-

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-WOBURN-

Median Price \$260,000

15 BURLINGTON ST was sold to Paul F Ciampa & Carol Ann Ciampa by 15 Burlington St Rt & William E Scire for \$439,900
7 HAMILTON RD was sold to Nancy Watkins by James C Oneill for \$325,000
126 PLACE LN U:126 was sold to D Elaine Mills by Place Land Dev T for \$310,000
35 PROSPECT ST U:204 was sold to Jennifer L Pierce & Victor M Fonseca by Aaron A Moore for \$135,000
1 LOVES LN was sold to Stephen J Lovett & Patricia A Lovett by Shaker Hill Llc for \$425,900
5 WILLOW ST was sold to Claire M Hardcastle & Philip P Hardcastle Jr by Branchaud Sadie L Est & Marjorie Murphy for \$250,000

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bright glow of cheer to drive the cold weather away. It offers an oversized pan to make removing ashes easy and a foot pedal that helps you open the top of the stove for uploading wood.

One version of the Gas Three Classic requires no venting system or chimney. Another uses air from the outside for combustion, keeping the warm air inside.

For more information about cast iron stoves and fireplaces, see <http://www.hearth.com/jotul> on the Internet.

Housing From S-9

In the detached single-family home market, the statewide average selling price has increased 12 percent in the past year, from \$308,895 in 2001 to \$346,019 last year. The statewide average selling price for condominiums rose even more sharply in the past 12 months, climbing 16.3 percent from an average price of \$209,718 a year ago to \$243,951 in 2002.

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More and more people are appreciating homes with a certain warm glow from wood-

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They offer a fun spot where families can gather to share their stories, celebrate holidays or romantic evenings.

Here are some ways to enjoy a fireplace and stove with your family:

- Decorate the mantle during holidays and other celebrations with cards and trinkets. You can put presents by a wood-burning or gas stove too.

- A fireplace or a stove can be a gathering place for family meetings and discussions of the day's happenings.

- After a day at work or school, you and your family can relax by a wood-burning or gas stove, keep warm and watch television or read.

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One company Jotul, a Norwegian corporation with subsidiaries in the U.S., has been a popular maker of cast iron woodburning and gas stoves and fireplaces since 1853.

The company offers stoves in a range of styles and colors. One example is a colonial-style stove in porcelain enamel colors including white, black, forest green, ivory, indigo blue, and blue/black. Several Jotul's largest stove, can bring a

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Calendar From S-5

TO TEA The Reading Antiquarian Society cordially invites you to an old fashioned afternoon Tea Party. Here is an opportunity "to take someone to tea" without the hassle and expense of traveling to the Ritz in Boston!

Also, you will be helping to support the work of the Reading Antiquarian Society with its mission to preserve the Parker Tavern and its historical collections for the people of the town of Reading.

The Tea Party will be held on Sunday, March 2 from 2-4 p.m. at the Reading Senior Center, located in what was the old fire station on Pleasant Street. There will be an assortment of tea sandwiches, scones, breads, and desserts to choose from as well as tea and punch.

There will be chamber music provided by some talented Reading High students. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. If you wish to make a reservation call Judy Clark at 781-944-7240.

STRIKE UP THE BANDS AT PHILLIPS

On Friday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m. the Phillips Academy Music Dept. will present the Academy Concert Band and ensembles under the direction of Vincent Monaco. The program is free of charge and open to the public and will take place in Cochran Chapel located on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main Street, Andover.

Any inquiries regarding this performance may be directed to the Phillips Academy Music Dept. 978-749-4995 or email music@andover.edu.

CRITTENTON LEAGUE HAS MEETING

The Florence Crittenton League is holding a general information meeting on Wednesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at the Florence Crittenton League, Inc., 119 Hall Street, Lowell.

Some adoptive couples will speak, and the programs of the agency will be outlined. The Florence Crittenton League does identified adoptions, and has programs in Russia, China, Ukraine, Guatemala, and Colombia.

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Please call 978-452-9671 for more information.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SUNDAY, MARCH 10

The Kennedy Library continues its examination of 20th century presidents with a session featuring Susan Eisenhower, President Eisenhower's granddaughter, and Fred Greenstein, presiden-

tial historian and author of The Hidden Hand Presidency: Eisenhower as Leader.

The date is Sunday, March 10 4-5:30 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. All forums are free and open to the public. For reservation and further information, please call 617-514-1643.

HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE IN TEWKSBURY

The Mass. Hunter Education Program is conducting a Basic Hunter Education course at the Tewksbury Rod and Gun Club, 79 Chandler Street, Tewksbury, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3 and 10 from 7-9:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Call 508-792-7434.

Successful completion of this course fulfills the requirements established by Mass. General Law to make application for a Class A or B License to Carry Firearms, or a Firearms Identification Card.

Students must attend every session. Adults, as well as younger men and women, are encouraged to attend. A Mass. Hunter Ed. Certificate is provided to course graduates 15 years or older. Students, ages 10-14 may participate and receive a "Letter of Completion" to meet out of state licensing requirements. Parental permission is required of all students under 18 years of age.

For additional information on courses, write Hunter Education, P.O. Box 408, Westminster, Ma. 01453-0408 or call 508-792-7434, 978-632-7648, 617-727-3623. www.mass-wildlife.org.

VOLEYBALL FOR INDEPENDENCE

It's time to register for Easter Seals Volleyball for Independence, to be played at sites all over Massachusetts in February, March and April. In Cambridge games are scheduled for Rindge Latin School on March 14-15.

Any team ready to raise money to help local people with disabilities expand their independence is welcome to join the fun. Each team receives a trophy and a chance to win prizes ranging from T-shirts to Red Sox tickets.

Any business or group can register a team by calling the Easter Seals Volleyball Hotline at 800-922-8290, x7 for information, or visit www.easterseals-ma.org and click onto Volleyball for Independence.

PROGRAM FOR GIFTED CHILDREN

An informational meeting for parents on summer programs for gifted children grades 4 to 11 will be held on Thursday, March 20 at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, March 29 at 2 p.m. at G.A.T.E.S. office conference room, 600 Main Street, suite 6C, Winchester.

Register by calling 781-721-4283 or by email at

harris@gates-edu.com. Pre-registration is required as there is limited enrollment. The session is free.

THEATRE SEEKS YOUNG PERFORMERS

Calling all Cinderellas, Red Riding Hoods, Princes and Big Bad Wolves, North Shore Music Theatre, at Dunham Woods, is holding auditions for their Youth Performance Academy production of "Into the Woods, Jr." a one hour musical version of Stephen Sondheim's award winning musical set in the world of the Grimm fairy tales.

Actors, ages 8 to 17, can audition for this on Saturday, February 22 at 11 a.m. All actors will be taught material from the show and are asked to wear comfortable, easy to move in clothing.

No prepared songs will be heard. A call back will be held that same afternoon. Rehearsals are March 11 through April 7, and performers must be available for all rehearsals. Performances of "Into the Woods, Jr." will be held on Tuesday, April 8 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on NSMT's main stage. Into the Woods, Jr. is part of MTT's Broadway, Jr. program, which offers a series of shows that are specially adapted to make the material appropriate and easier for children to perform.

All auditions will be held in NSMT's Theatre Arts and Education building behind the theatre at 62 Dunham Road, Beverly. Please call Derek Bowley at 978-232-7256 to sign up.

MODEL RAILROAD SHOW AND SALE

Worcester Model Railroaders, Inc. presents its 12th annual Model Railroad Show and Sale. Featuring model train dealers, exhibits and displays, Amherst Beltrines Modular layout.

The Show and sale is at Auburn Elks Club, 754 Southbridge Street (Route 12). The date is Sunday, February 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission/donation is adult \$4 (maximum family, \$12.00), children under 12 free with adult. Handicapped accessible.

For show information: www.wmrr.org. Ralph Kimball at 508-755-1873.

SEPARATED/DIVORCED

Separated/divorced support group meets weekly on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Lynnfield Community Church, 735 Salem St., Lynnfield. Call Diane at 978-774-2961 or Donna (p.m.) at 781-246-5065. Parking is in rear of church.

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Movies From S-2

This horror movie appears to be one of those paint-by-numbers scarefests that Hollywood churns out about six times a year these days, to lure teenage daters into the theater for a night, but this one is not without a few redeeming moments.

The story centers around a retelling of the famous tooth-fairy story, but with a twist - this time the tooth-fairy is a bit angry at the residents of a town called Darkness Falls, and is taking teeth whether they are ready to fall out or not, and whether the people they are coming from are alive or dead.

Just when you think you have this one figured out there is a genuinely scary scene to make you sit up and take notice, but as a viewer you are much better off waiting to rent this one, rather than spend money on the top prices at the box office.

MOVIE: "CONFESSIONS OF A DANGEROUS MIND"
GRADE: ***
Review: Actor George Clooney makes his directorial debut, and appears onscreen, in this strange story.

Sam Rockwell stars as Chuck Barris, the television programming mind behind such hits The Dating Game and The Gong Show, who in his autobiography claimed to also be a hitman for the CIA during his hours away from the gameshows.

Clooney's style is a bit erratic, but the story is interesting enough to keep the viewer interested. Rockwell's performance as Barris is right on the money, and the film features appearances by Clooney pals Julia Roberts and Drew Barrymore.

MOVIE: "KANGAROO JACK"
GRADE: *
Review: The fact that this lame attempt at comedy was the number one movie at the box office its opening weekend is one of the first signs that the horsemen of the Apocalypse are on their way.

Jerry O'Connell, a bit player in many teen comedies and the star football player that every agent wants to sign in 'Jerry Maguire', takes over as the star in this movie about thieves who lose their loot, but he is overshadowed by a computer-generated kangaroo named Kangaroo Jack, who finds the money and refuses to give it back.

Sound funny? If so, then head for the theater. If not, then you may agree that an afternoon in the dentists

School Notes

From S-5

es look like trouble spots. "Making a return to the budget discussions is the need for another nurse. The annual request for a nursing increase was started by Goldstein and then echoed by Huckleberry Hill School Principal Elaine Mead.

"When the nurse is gone, the office staff becomes the nurse," Goldstein said. "Some students have life threatening issues..."

Anticipation in Stoneham

"It's never too early to begin worrying about next year's budget and that is what the School Committee

chair is a more enjoyable and worthwhile way to spend your time and money than on this celluloid slop.

MOVIE: "25TH HOUR"

GRADE: ***
Review: Edward Norton adds to his ever-growing list of memorable film performances in this new Spike Lee film.

Norton plays Monty Brogan, a novice and small-time drug dealer in New York who ends up getting caught and sentenced to a seven-year stay in jail. The film chronicles his activities over the last 24 hours he has as a free man.

While the film itself is a look at the results of living life on the fringes of the law, it also examines life in New York in current times. A depressing film overall, but Norton's performance is outstanding, and Philip Seymour Hoffman turns in his usual excellent supporting role.

MOVIE: "ABOUT SCHMIDT"

GRADE: ***
Review: Jack Nicholson turns in a performance that is already getting Oscar attention as Warren Schmidt, who wakes up one morning after retiring from his insurance sales job to realize that he can't stand his wife.

She then dies, and Schmidt embarks on a voyage of self-discovery, and begins an attempt to get closer to his daughter, who is busy planning her wedding. She wants nothing to do with him at first, but eventually comes around to the idea, perhaps because he arrives on her doorstep in a huge Winnebago and refuses to leave.

By the end of the film, Schmidt has come to accept his lot in life, and begins his new job - living.

faceted..." notes the "Stoneham Independent."

"Superintendent Dr. Joseph Connelly told the entire committee that while the fiscal 2004 budget is not completed, the school department did present a preliminary version of such to the town's Summit Committee earlier in the evening.

"Connelly, along with School Committee Chairman Dan Moynihan and Vice Chairman Marc Grimaldi, appeared before the Summit Committee in order to forewarn it of difficulties expected in putting together a balanced budget that meets the needs of the school department and the town.

"Everything you read indicates the budget climate in Massachusetts is getting worse, not better.... We don't expect our budget analysis process to go smoothly."

"A first draft of the 2004 budget is not typically presented to the School Committee until January, Connelly said, however, that budget holders have completed their individual budgets with specific guidelines to level fund or reduce their budget accounts. A preliminary analysis of these individual budgets, along with the news of the state's economic climate, enabled Connelly to put together a preliminary picture of what to expect for 2004.

"Among skyrocketing costs are health insurance, maintenance and repair of computers and equipment, and rising special education tuition.

"We are still looking at some significant uncontrollable cost increases," he said.

"In addition, the Robin Hood and Colonial Park Schools are expected to come on line in September and with the larger schools come larger operation and maintenance costs.

"While the two schools have been sharing space in the old Central School building during renovation, they have also been sharing some costs. That will change once the new schools open..."

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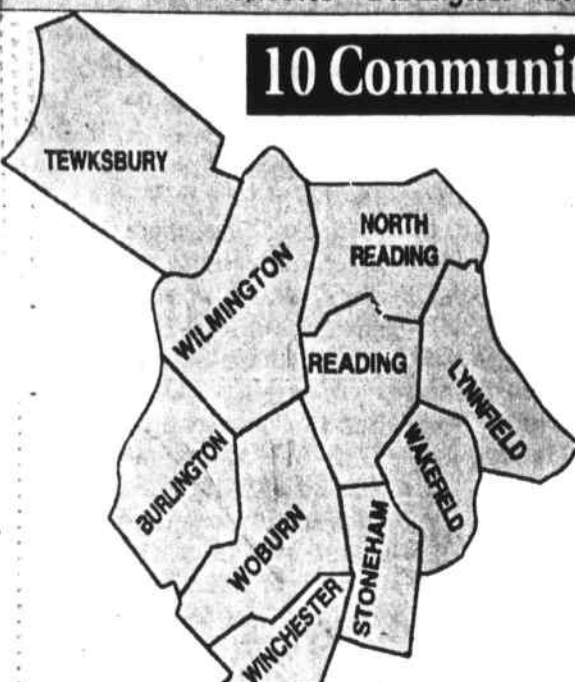
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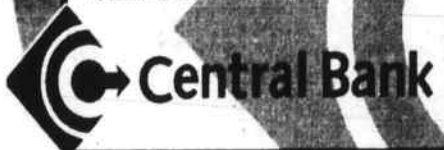
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